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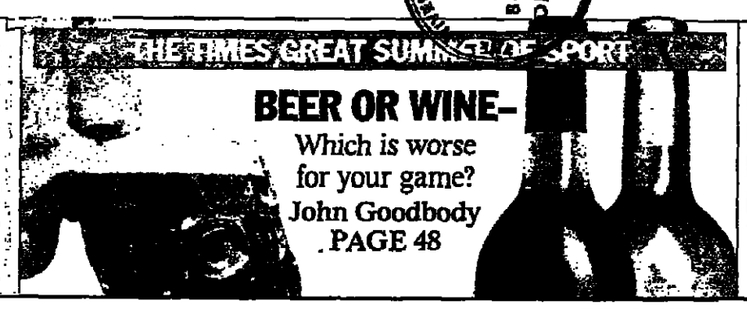
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Warning against tax cut 'bribes'

Clarke rounds on the Right to defend EU

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JANET BUSH

KENNETH CLARKE brushed aside his rightwing critics last night with a passionate defence of Britain's membership of the European Union and a warning that premature tax cuts would insult the intelligence of the public.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that Conservative Euro-sceptic tactics could jeopardise risk Britain's influence in the biggest single market in the world and he hit out strongly at those who wanted to challenge the Treaty of Rome. Even more provocatively, he criticised those who wanted to renegotiate the Maastrict treaty.

Mr Clarke's remarks came the day after 78 Tory MPs voted for Bill Cash's Bill calling for a referendum on Britain's relations with the rest of Europe and two days after his predecessor, Norman Lamont, led a high-powered Tory discussion on withdrawal from the EU.

They were also delivered against the background of recent Cabinet committee discussions in which he has argued against Michael Howard's moves to water down the powers of the European Court, and were the clearest signal that Mr Clarke and his allies will fiercely oppose any further concessions to the sceptics.

Using the traditional economic stage of the Mansion House speech to deliver an overtly political message, Mr Clarke acknowledged that his Budget forecast of 3 per cent growth this year might have been over-optimistic and he warned rightwingers pressing for substantial tax cuts that they might have to wait. he did, however, predict for the first time that unemployment should fall below two million next year. Yesterday the jobless figures hit a five-year low at 2,167,600.

Progress on tax would only be made when it was prudent and sensible to do so, he said. "We are not pursuing a 1990s version of Reaganomics — slash taxes and hang the deficit, in the naive belief that any tax cut will always generate additional revenue.



Clarke: ruled out 1990s Reaganomics

"The real world does not work that way. Tax cuts that could not be afforded would inevitably have to be reversed. Nobody wants that. In any case, to think that the electorate could be bribed by premature tax cuts is an insult to the intelligence of the British people."

He deliberately strayed from straight economics to talk about Britain's role in the world, reasserting his belief that the UK's future depended on retaining its position firmly in the European mainstream. "Choosing voluntary exile from the world's largest marketplace would have very serious consequences, both economical and political," Mr Clarke said. "By virtue of history and geography, Europe is our natural regional trading base. We export more to the EU than to the US and Japan combined. We export more to Germany alone than to the Asian Tigers put together.

"Since we joined the common market in 1973 our exports to the EU have grown twice as fast as with the rest of the world. The EU is the world's largest single market with 40 per cent of world trade. We need to retain a leading and influential position in the world's most powerful single market to take full advantage of our opportunities. And let us make no mistake, those who would challenge the Treaty of Rome and challenge the Treaty of Maastricht would put that influence at risk."

The Chancellor went on to defend his decision to cut interest rates by a quarter of a point last week and denied that his move was part of a strategy of engineering a pre-election boom. "The economy is not like a Pot Noodle — just add hot water and stir. Creating healthy sustainable growth is a painstaking process," he said.

He might cut interest rates again if it did not put his inflation target at risk — but he would just as happily put them up again if there was a risk that inflation would come in above target.

Mr Clarke decided to cut the base rate to 5.75 per cent against the advice of Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, who shared the platform last night. Mr George was studiously balanced in his comments on the decision and appeared conciliatory. He acknowledged that inflationary pressures were low and that the economy was looking vulnerable.

In his address, the Chancellor insisted that there would be "no short-lived pre-election boom" and he rejected suggestions that he was secretly engineering a one-year growth wonder to restore the feel-good factor. He could not single handedly engineer a "rags to riches" economic story even if he wanted to.

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Moving homes: Bob Geldof and Paula Yates leaving the High Court in London yesterday after settling their divorce

Geldofs in divorce house swap

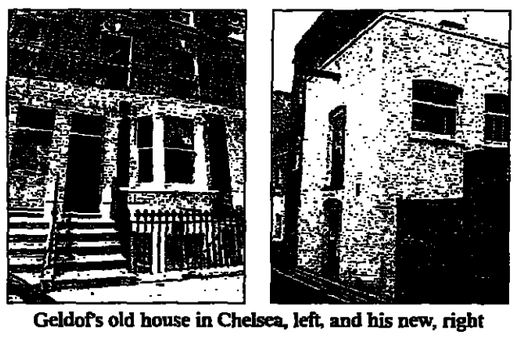
BY EMMA WILKINS

BOB GELDOF and his ex-wife, Paula Yates, agreed yesterday to swap houses in an unusual divorce settlement that brings their turbulent 10-year-marriage to a close.

The game of musical mansions was concluded suddenly at the High Court in London, where the Geldofs have spent three days arguing over the division of property. According to a joint statement, Ms Yates will move into the £750,000 marital home in Chelsea, where her ex-husband has been living since Christmas with his new girlfriend, Jeanne Marine, a French actress.

Mr Geldof will take possession of a house around the corner owned by Michael Hutchence, the father of Ms Yates's unborn baby. The couple's three children, Fifi Trixibelle, 12, Peaches, six, and Pixie, four, will continue to live with their mother.

The statement said: "After three days of complete bloody nightmare in the High Court of Justice, Bob and Paula have with collective sighs of relief arrived amicably at a half-decent solution to their housing arrangements.



Geldof's old house in Chelsea, left, and his new, right

"Paula and the kids will move into the house in Chelsea. Bob will move into Michael's house down the road. Thanks very much." The statement carried a PS: "Neither of us will talk about this any further so please don't doorstep us."

Mr Geldof, 41, the former pop singer who was made an honorary knight for helping to organise the Live Aid concert in 1985, owns a stake in Planet 24, a television production company which makes *The Big Breakfast* for Channel 4. His fortune is estimated at more than £10 million. Mr Hutchence, singer with the Australian pop group INXS, is said to be even richer, with some £30 million. Ms Yates, 36, whose baby is due in August, has been living in Clapham, southwest London, while the divorce terms were discussed.

After the hearing, Ms Yates, wearing a white mini-dress, at first chatted amicably with her ex-husband in the court corridor. As the conversation continued, voices were raised and Ms Yates was heard to say: "Nineteen years and you just wanted to see me out on the street." But the mood soon lightened.

Mr Geldof, wearing a green tweed three-piece suit and neatly knotted silk tie, perched on a table as his ex-wife engaged in ante-natal pregnancy squats at his feet to relieve her aching back. As she prepared to leave the court, Ms Yates said she was "jolly happy" with the agreement.

Mr Geldof declined to give any further details about the housing arrangements. "There is a world outside here that is a very serious world. Where Bob and Paula live is not significant in the scheme of things," he said before jumping into a taxi.

Major orders child abuse inquiries

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND DOMINIC KENNEDY

JOHN MAJOR will today urge the Cabinet to order two inquiries into child abuse following allegations of widespread paedophilia and cruelty in residential homes.

The Prime Minister was forced to "read the Riot Act" to ministers before getting agreement on a joint approach by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, in time for this weekend's Conservative conference in Wales.

One inquiry will seek to discover how up to 300 children in Clwyd and Gwynedd, North Wales, and a further 250 in Cheshire were abused by residential care workers since the mid-1960s. The second will examine the wider issues of residential child care.

Mr Hague has been keen to implement a call by John Jillings, author of an unpublished report into abuse in Clwyd, for a full inquiry with powers to force witnesses to give evidence. The names of public figures appear in witness statements to the police and independent investigations into the Clwyd case.

There are a number of prosecutions for paedophilia pending in northwest England and an inquiry could be delayed until Christmas to avoid prejudicing the trials.

Ministers have been alarmed by the high incidence of staff who have been the subject of complaints being allowed to move between homes.

Pressure is building among senior ministers for new rules that would allow local authorities to consult police records to check whether complaints have been made against prospective employees. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is to announce details of a paedophile register next week.



"Apparently you get a glimpse of the money the lottery gave them"

Cash severs link with Goldsmith

BY ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BILL CASH, the leading Tory Euro-sceptic, announced last night that he was cutting his financial connections with Sir James Goldsmith after a wave of protests from Tory MPs and ministers.

The Stafford MP was summoned by Alastair Goodlad, the Conservative chief whip, and told that it was "outrageous" that a Tory MP should be so closely associated with the leader of a rival party planning to field election candidates against the Tories.

The Prime Minister was furious. He told the chief whip to give Mr Cash an ultimatum — either cease to be chairman of the European Foundation, which is partly financed by Sir James, or cut all financial links with the billionaire financier.

The chief whip told Mr Cash, whose referendum Bill was supported by 78 Tory MPs, that the donations should cease without delay. Mr Cash immediately accepted the position.

The intervention by the Tory high command came only hours after the Labour Party reported Mr Cash to the Parliamentary Ombudsman. Labour sought to maximise embarrassment for the Tories by demanding an inquiry into the links between Mr Cash's European Foundation and Sir James.

Mr Cash, in a statement on European Foundation paper, said: "The policy of the board of management of the foundation has always been to ensure that no grounds be afforded for any alleged or perceived dependence on any particular political party or grouping. The board has determined that pending the outcome of the general election it would not be appropriate to accept further donations from the Goldsmith Foundation."

☐ The scale of the backbench revolt would have been higher if all the Euro-sceptics had been in Westminster, it emerged last night. An analysis shows that 13 Tory MPs who voted for a backbench Bill in April to curb the powers of the European Court failed to support Mr Cash.

Britain 'exported banned feed'

Britain continued to export potentially dangerous animal feed at bargain basement prices to countries in Europe, the Far East and Israel after banning the suspect product for domestic use, according to *Nature*, the British scientific publication.

The feed is believed to be the cause of BSE or "mad cow" disease and the revelations have caused swerious concern in France, which bought over half the contaminated feed ..... Page 8

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Last-ball drama

Lancashire produced a dramatic last-ball victory over Yorkshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final at Old Trafford to qualify to face Northamptonshire in the final. Northants beat Warwickshire by 27 runs at Northampton .... Pages 43, 48

Labour set to bail out divorce Bill

BY JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR offered to save the beleaguered divorce reform Bill last night if the Government accepts amendments to increase protection for children and battered mothers.

The Shadow Cabinet agreed at a meeting last night to reserve its position on the Family Law Bill until Monday evening — just before the final vote on its third reading. But party sources indicated that if the amendments were accepted, Labour, which is imposing a three-line whip, would either abstain or support the Bill, ensuring a government victory.

Ministers will make their position clear today but have signalled they are likely to bow to Labour. Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has also indicated that he will accept at least two amendments tabled by Tory rebels to ensure "consensus".

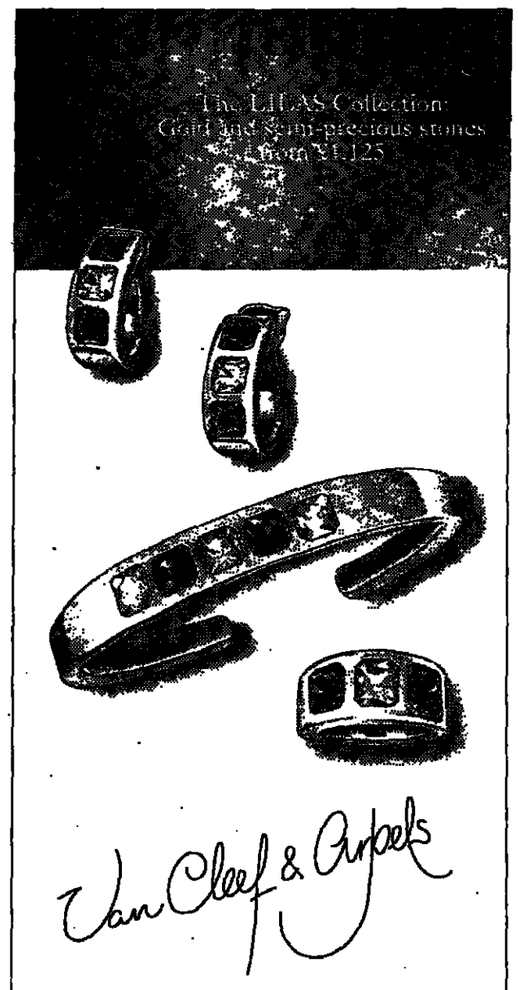
Labour made clear that the party could still withdraw support if the Government agreed to some Tory rebel amendments.

Paul Boateng, the party's legal affairs spokesman, told the Shadow Cabinet the Bill was "a dog's breakfast", "deeply flawed" and potentially unworkable. But he added that several organisations had urged him to improve it rather than scupper it.

Labour has now tabled amendments in three key areas: calling for children to be given separate representation in court; for children and mothers to be given police protection in cases of domestic violence; and to ensure that where there is evidence of violence couples do not have to go through lengthy mediation procedures.

The Government is thought to be preparing to accept a series of amendments in an attempt to head off defeat on Monday. After eleventh-hour meetings with Tory rebels, ministers are considering including a "conscience clause" for people with firm religious beliefs.

Lord Mackay is also expected to accept cutting back the minimum waiting time for divorce from 21 to 18 months.



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Jessel's one-man demo dazzles, deafens and diverts

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

STAGING a protest stunt in the public gallery of the Commons will never secure a plug for your cause in this column. *Times* sketchwriters are adamant in refusing to encourage the practice. So yesterday's punk miscreants, and their cause, must remain anonymous.

Suffice it to say that a group of them lunged forward unexpectedly during Foreign Office Questions, squealing and throwing handfuls of printed papers across the peers' gallery and down into the chamber. They were bustled out fast by the attendants.

Surprised Tory MPs, subjected to a leaflet drop from the air, may well have supposed this to be another of Sir James Goldsmith's stunts, or perhaps a desperate appeal for loyalty from the Prime Minister.

Many of the leaflets failed to make it over the peers' gallery, landing on the balding head of a lonely peer who had come to watch the Lower House, no doubt confirming his worst fears about the place.

Confused and scared, the old boy leapt to his feet, inadvertently shaking off a leaflet, which fluttered down onto MPs. Is this the first time Hon Members have faced a House of Lords airdrop into their chamber?

The protesters had made a terrible mistake. It is no business of ours to write a handbook for would-be demonstrators at Westminster, but permit me to say this: Rule 1: *Never stage your stunt during a Question from Mr Toby Jessel MP.*

This is because Mr Jessel (C, Twickenham) is a stunt in himself. Other stunts struggle for attention. So colourful and noisy — so completely amazing — is Mr Jessel that rival exhibitions go unnoticed.

Among his accomplishments, Jessel is an amateur concert pianist. Mrs Jessel is a trained singer. Friends say she would have to be, to be heard.

Earnest, sincere and energetic — he is a popular local MP — Toby Jessel reminds us of a mad British professor in a 1950s B-movie, or possibly the batty elder brother of Michael Brown (C, Brigg and Cleethorpes).

Mr Jessel's constant complaint (on behalf of constituents) is about aircraft noise over Twickenham, but it is hard to imagine being able to hear Concorde breaking the sound barrier when this MP is on the stump. He is a sort of permanent sonic boom.

On Monday he was complaining angrily to the Transport Secretary about bicycles without bells whizzing noiselessly up behind him in Twickenham. Yesterday it seemed to be the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation that had roused him to fury.

In a voice of window-shattering intensity, Mr Jessel denounced Unesco. "It was staffed in *palatial surroundings, in Paris*, by left-wing trendies: long-haired men, and short-haired women, and people who wear sandals *in the office*. And there were *far too many* of them. And *not enough* out there *in the field!*"

It was during this outburst that the protest from the Strangers' Gallery occurred. MPs heard the noise, glanced up at the leaflets floating down, then reverted to much the greater of the two spectacles: Mr Jessel.

It strikes us that the Twickenham MP could be deployed by the civil authorities for use in countering riots. Instead of teargas or water cannons, we could wheel Mr Jessel onto the scene and prompt him to ask one of his parliamentary questions. Such would be the resultant commotion that rioters would forget their riot, in shock and wonder at the Twickenham Phenomenon.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Republic divorce go-ahead

THE first divorce in the Irish Republic is expected early next year after a court decision that clears the way for new legislation (Audrey Magee writes). Five judges at the Supreme Court in Dublin concluded unanimously yesterday that, although the government was wrong to spend £500,000 of taxpayers' money promoting a "yes" vote in a referendum last year, there was no proof that it affected the outcome. The decision to remove a constitutional ban on divorce was carried by less than 0.5 per cent.

Whittle gift

Sir Frank Whittle, 89, inventor of the jet engine, has donated his papers to the Churchill Archives Centre in Cambridge. Seven boxes of letters, diaries and scientific papers are being evaluated by archivists. They include Sir Frank's own copy of his 1931 *Case for the Gas Turbine*.

Motorist jailed

A driver was jailed for six years for attacking a woman after she asked him why he was holding up the traffic. *Bradford Crown Court* was told that David Robinson, 30, threw Kath Gatenby, 52, into a parked car and kicked her. She suffered a collapsed lung and fractured rib.

£2.3m for Bristol

The two-day auction of contents and antiques from the Marquess of Bristol's home at Ickworth, Suffolk, raised £2,365,700, almost double the £1.2 million estimate by Sotheby's. Lord Bristol, 41, held the sale to finance a new life in the Bahamas. He will keep a farmhouse at Ickworth.

IRA charge

A second man, John Quinn, 28, from Limerick, has been charged with IRA membership after the suspected paramilitary murder of Jerry McCabe, a policeman, in Co Limerick last Friday. Mr Quinn was also charged with unlawful possession of ammunition.

Pensions thief

A company pensions manager who admitted stealing almost £90,000 from the fund was jailed for 27 months by Liverpool Crown Court yesterday. Peter Crossland, a 30-year-old drug addict from Wavertree, Liverpool, began stealing a month after he joined the Stanley Leisure Organisation.

New challenge

Lawyers acting for the men jailed for killing the newspaper boy Carl Bridgewater are preparing a High Court challenge to force a new appeal. They believe the Home Office is stalling on a decision to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal.

Record time

A chronometer given by Napoleon to one of his vice-admirals in recognition of his courage at sea sold for £216,000 at Christie's yesterday. The successful bid by Philip Whyte, a London dealer, set a record for a watch sold in Britain.

CORRECTION

A photograph (May 30) of Mrs Georgina Gulliford, a superintendent physiotherapist in the paediatric department of Guy's Hospital, was wrongly captioned. We apologise for the error.

Old nuclear subs to wait 16 years for deep storage

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN's defunct nuclear-powered submarines will have to remain tied up in dock for a further 16 years because long-term underground storage facilities will not be ready until 2012.

Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, yesterday outlined to MPs the timetable for dealing with the increasing number of Royal Navy nuclear submarines that are being taken out of service. There are already six tied up at the Rosyth base in Fife and four more at Devonport in Portsmouth.

Appearing before MPs on the Commons Defence Committee, Mr Portillo said that it was safer to keep the submarines intact, once the fuel rods had been removed, than to "chop them up" at an early stage when radioactivity contained within them would still be high.

He said the deep storage facility for intermediate radioactive material proposed by Nirex, the government agency responsible for the long-term disposal of nuclear waste, would not be "on stream" until 2012. Until then, he said, the submarines would remain afloat at the Rosyth and Devonport bases.

Of the six submarines at Rosyth, four have been defuelled — had their nuclear cores removed — and are now empty hulls, although still radioactive. They are *HMS Revenge*, an old Polaris ballistic missile submarine, and three hunter killer boats, *HMS Dreadnought*, *HMS Swiftsure*, and *HMS Churchill*.

HMS Resolution, another Polaris boat, is in the process of being defuelled, and *HMS Renown*, the third of four Polaris submarines, is waiting to have her fuel rods removed. The fourth Polaris boat, *HMS Repulse*, has just completed her last patrol and is tied up at Faslane on the Clyde, ready to be decommissioned in two months' time.

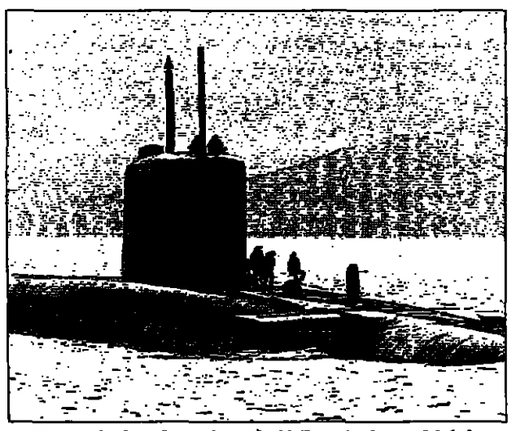
The four boats in Devonport are *HMS Conqueror*, which sank the Argentine cruiser *General Belgrano* in the Falklands War in 1982, *HMS Courageous*, *HMS Warspite* — which have all been defuelled — and *HMS Valiant*, which is awaiting defuelling.

The oldest nuclear boats still in service are five Swiftsure class submarines, two of which are currently in refit. Some of these are also likely to be decommissioned before 2012, adding to the queue of nuclear boats awaiting final disposal.

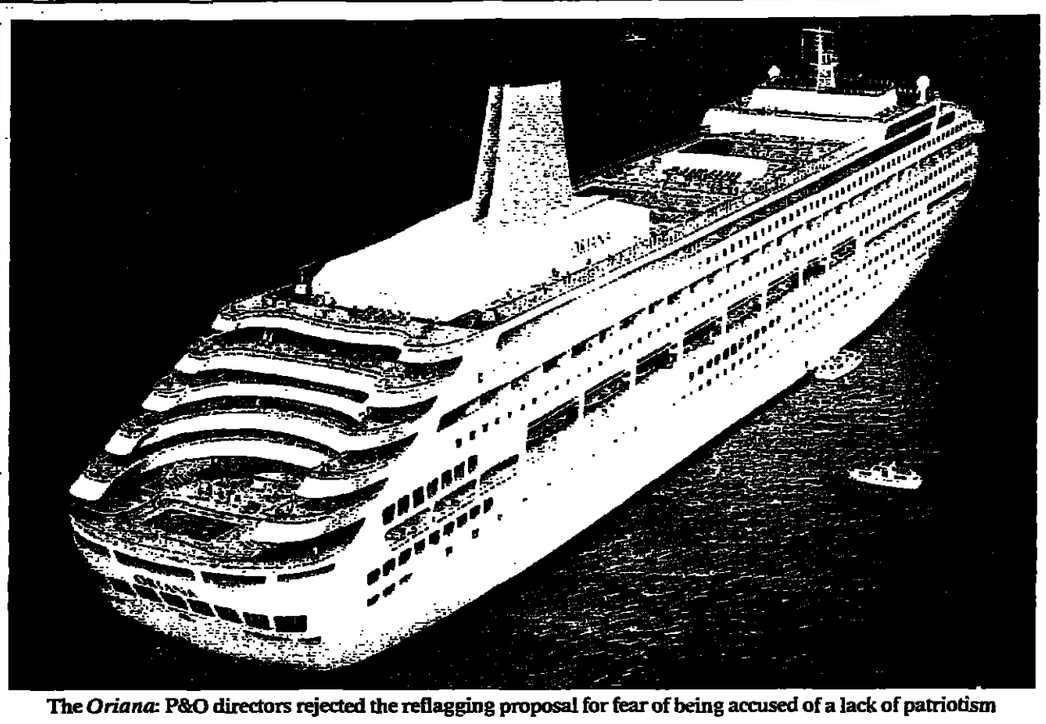
A spokesman for the Royal Navy at Faslane, home of the two new Trident ballistic missile submarines, said the decommissioned boats were completely sealed. He said that periodically they were lifted out of the water to make sure that there were no rust problems, and that regular geiger counter checks were made to ensure that no radioactivity was escaping from them.

Mr Portillo told the MPs that one advantage of leaving the submarines, sealed and afloat in a secure area was that the radioactivity would have time to to deteriorate before the hulls were cut up and placed in deep storage.

The Defence Secretary also reassured the MPs that having only two Trident submarines in service until 1998 was adequate for maintaining Britain's nuclear deterrent until the third of four Trident boats was ready to go on patrol.



The Polaris submarine *HMS Resolution*, which is in the process of being defuelled at the Rosyth base



The *Oriana*: P&O directors rejected the reflagging proposal for fear of being accused of a lack of patriotism

P&O considered reflagging liner in Bermuda to save on crew costs

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the Queen performed the naming ceremony on P&O's flagship liner *Oriana* in Southampton last year, she declared: "Though built in Germany, she is very much a British ship: British-owned, British-registered and flying the Red Ensign."

However, less than a year later the company considered re-registering the £200 million ship in Bermuda to save money on national insurance for the crew. During the confidential deliberations in March, the directors decided that Bermuda was a more respectable choice for a flag of convenience than Liberia, where some of its American liners are registered. At least the Union Jack still appears in the Bermudan national flag.

P&O admitted last night that the issue had been considered, but insisted that the directors had rejected the option. A spokesman declined to pledge that the ship would never be registered abroad.

David Dingle, marketing director of P&O Cruises, warned directors in a memo that the choice of an alternative flag could be interpeted as a symbol of British national decline. He said that there would be concerns "over safety" about moving to another flag, particularly over the company's older ships such as the 35-year-old *Canberra*.

The crew would no longer be entitled to unemployment benefit during leave, which would expose the company to accusations of a "lack of patriotism for exploiting British workers", he wrote. The crew would have to be persuaded not to pass on their concerns to passengers.

P&O, which basked in the warm glow of patriotism when the *Canberra* returned from the Falklands war, had to acknowledge that its ships might not be called on again for the defence of the realm. "The media will need to be managed," Mr Dingle wrote.

Sir James Hill, Conservative MP for Southampton Test, who attended the naming ceremony, said yesterday: "I do hope P&O will do nothing to embarrass the Queen. I have no idea whether it makes commercial sense to do this. But I would prefer it, as would most British people who watched the Queen christen the liner, if it remained registered in Britain. Southampton should be its home, not Bermuda."

The company denied that a decision was imminent and insisted that the public relations exercise, which concluded that they would have to find ways to avoid the unpatriotic charge, was a matter of routine. "We have looked at registering abroad, but have no plans to do so," a spokesman said. "But I cannot say that will preclude doing something in the future.

"The Government offers far fewer benefits to British shipping companies than other European governments. It is to remain competitive with them that we review the position on flagging."

Call a ceasefire, Bruton tells IRA

BY NICHOLAS WATT
CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

JOHN BRUTON, the Irish Prime Minister, yesterday sent a blunt message to the IRA to renew its ceasefire after an agreement to allow George Mitchell to chair the all-party talks on Northern Ireland.

He told the Irish Parliament: "It is now a matter of Sinn Fein going to the IRA and asking them to call a ceasefire. They should go now — go now. We have enough violence in this land of ours."

Sinn Fein, which staged another protest at Stormont yesterday at its exclusion from the talks, studied the agreement that finally confirmed Mr Mitchell, a former United States senator, as chairman of the talks. Republicans say privately that his chairmanship will be a crucial element in persuading the IRA to declare the ceasefire that would allow Sinn Fein to join the talks.

Under the agreement, which was reached after intense negotiations throughout Tuesday, Mr Mitchell will be allowed to take over the chairmanship of the full plenary session until next Wednesday.

In a concession to Ulster Unionists, who want to weaken Mr Mitchell's role, a committee will examine the extent of his powers. The committee will report to the next full plenary session of the talks.

The agreement over Mr Mitchell led to acrimonious exchanges between the Ulster Unionists and the Democratic Unionists. The Rev Ian Paisley, the DUP leader, who walked out of the talks when Mr Mitchell took over the chairmanship, accused the Ulster Unionists of "betraying Ulster" after they accepted Mr Mitchell's chairmanship.

The UUP accused Mr Paisley and Bob McCartney, leader of the United Kingdom Unionists, of backing down after they attended separate sessions of the talks under Mr Mitchell's chairmanship during the day to sign up to the principles of non-violence. The DUP claimed that the meeting was not a plenary session and that they had treated the proceedings with "contempt".

The acrimony between the DUP and UUP later led to a live televised spat between David Trimble, the UUP leader, and the Rev Willie McCrea, DUP MP for Mid-Ulster.

☐ John Gorman, a member of the Ulster Unionist Party, was last night nominated by Sir Patrick Mayhew to be chairman of the Northern Ireland Forum, which will hold its first meeting in Belfast tomorrow.

Multinationals express concern over British teenagers' illiteracy

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders from some of the world's biggest companies rate British teenagers among the least literate and numerate in Europe, according to a government "skills audit" to be published this afternoon.

A survey of 40 multinationals for today's White Paper on competitiveness found concern about basic skills to be as high in Britain as in the United States, found by successive studies to have a serious illiteracy problem. The companies reported less concern in France and very little in Germany.

About a fifth of adults in the United Kingdom have poor literacy or numeracy, the White Paper says. Shortcomings are more common in numeracy.

The research was one reason for the Government's announcement of tighter control of training for primary teachers in English and mathematics. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, admitted that Britain was lagging behind other nations, but said "substantial action" was already in hand or planned.

Britain emerges well from some areas of the audit, with the multinationals particularly impressed by skills in information technology. The proportion of adults involved in "lifetime learning" is also high by international standards.

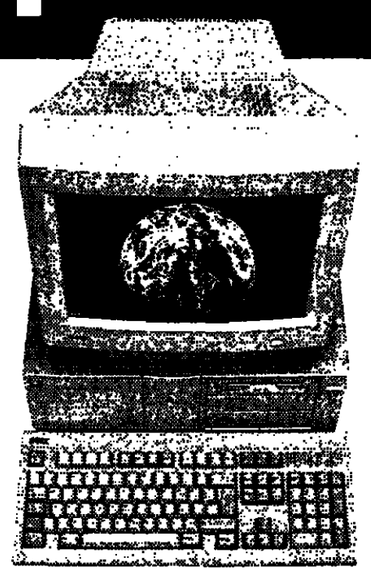
The White Paper will show improvements in a number of areas: the proportion of school-leavers with the equivalent of five high-grade GCSEs is now higher than in France, for example, although still well behind Germany.

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, described the skills audit as "the first own goal of Euro 96".

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Campbell: no suspicion

JP defends endorsing Hamilton guns plea

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

A JUSTICE of the Peace who signed Thomas Hamilton's application for a firearms certificate admitted yesterday that he had not known him particularly well in the ten years before the massacre.

Robert Campbell, from Stirling, a former councillor, told Lord Cullen's inquiry that he had met Hamilton only in the street between 1985 and 1995, and had taken him "on trust" over details of his background.

But Mr Campbell, 63, defended his decision to countersign Hamilton's applications in 1992 and 1995. Although opposed to guns, he insisted he would still sign them.

He said that he first met Hamilton in 1977 when working next to the youth club leader's woodwork shop. They spoke regularly and, although he never visited Hamilton's house, he had gone sailing on Hamilton's boat on Loch Lomond four times between 1980 and 1984. Boys from the clubs were also there and he saw nothing amiss.

Asked if he had ever seen anything to suggest Hamilton was unfit to hold guns, he said: "No, never, never. I would never have signed the form if I thought that. I knew him well enough to tell him to get lost, but I never had any reason to suspect him."

Mr Campbell was asked about his declaration on Hamilton's firearm applications that he knew "of no reason why the applicant should not be permitted to possess a firearm". He pointed out that Hamilton was teetotal and said: "He was different from most people, but I did not think that he was of unsound mind. He was a very shrewd businessman."

The inquiry continues.

☐ Callum Martin, 5, who had been distressed by the Dunblane killings, has given his toy guns to police as part of the national firearms amnesty. East Kilbride police station, near Glasgow, accepted them and gave Callum a receipt for the ten toy pistols, including water-pistols, sub-machine-guns and space weapons.

Schoolboy shoots himself dead in middle of GCSEs

BY KATE ALDERSON

A SCHOOLBOY killed himself with his father's shotgun hours after sitting a GCSE examination paper. The 16-year-old's mother and brother discovered his body lying next to the gun in his bedroom.

Tim Russell, described by colleagues as cheerful but shy, shot himself in the family home at Heath Hayes, Staffordshire, on Tuesday. He was last seen laughing and joking with friends as he left the exam room at Kingsmead High School at Hednesford at 10am that day.

The teenager, who enjoyed art lessons and walking in the fields near his home, appears not to have left a suicide note. However, one of his friends said he had talked of shooting himself if he failed his exams and did not get a job.

His body was found at 4.30pm by his mother Edwina and his brother Daniel, 19. A licensed shotgun belonging to his father Philip, a gardener-handyman, was lying by his side. Police said one shot had been fired.

Chief Inspector Roy Ellwood of Staffordshire Police said the teenager may have been suffering from examination stress: "Along with other Year 11 students, Tim had recently completed his studies and was in the process of sitting his GCSE exams.

"On Tuesday morning he had taken his GCSE science exam. It is so unfortunate at this time of year, when students are sitting GCSE examinations, that some are unable to cope with the stress and unfortunately at times we have tragedies like this."

Mr Ellwood said he regarded it as "relevant" that Tim's death came in the middle of school examinations, but added that initial police inquiries had not established that he was displaying signs of stress before he died.

Mr Russell, who works on country estates, owns a number of guns that he uses for pest control. Police said he held a shotgun licence and that there was at least one secure firearms cabinet in the family's home. It is not yet clear if the shotgun was locked away on Tuesday.

Tim's fellow pupils were told of his death yesterday morning. Kevin Maycock, deputy head teacher, said everyone was dismayed and shocked by the incident and extended their sympathy to the Russell family.

Bob Merry, chairman of the school governors, said: "We do not always realise the amount of pressure that pupils are under when taking their GCSEs. Some of them must come up against moments of sheer terror."

A number of pupils talked about Tim behaving in a normal manner the day before the science exam. One 16-year-old friend said he left the one-hour exam with a group of friends. "Most people thought the exam was difficult but Tim and his friends were laughing when they left."

A close friend of Tim's said he had often talked of killing himself with a shotgun if he failed his exams. Leonard Baskerville, 15, spent most of his free time with Tim walking and talking about guns. "He used to talk about suicide a lot, but I thought it was just foolish talk. His death hasn't sunk in yet. In the last few weeks before the exams he used to talk about killing himself. He said he would do it with a 12-gauge shotgun."

Leonard described his friend as clever and capable and said he had expected him to do well in German, science and art. "Tim said to me a couple of weeks before the exams that if he did not do well or could not get a job he was going to commit suicide. I never thought for one moment he was serious."

Police are preparing a report for the South Staffordshire coroner and a post-mortem examination is expected today.

ChildLine, the telephone counselling service, said yesterday that it was experiencing its busiest summer as calls flooded in from youngsters worried about examinations. It urged parents not to add to the pressure on children but to try to create a relaxed atmosphere. The charity added that suicide over examination pressure was rare and that often there were other factors involved.



Tim Russell, who talked about committing suicide if he failed his exams

Cliff fall victim was terrified of voodoo curse

A GREEN Party activist who believed himself the victim of a witches' coven was found dead at the base of a 300ft cliff, an inquest was told yesterday.

Police said that the incident formed part of a wider investigation centred on what might be black magic rituals in Lewes, East Sussex. Nicholas Gargani was sent a voodoo doll and a cow's heart hammered through with nails shortly before his death, the inquest at Brighton was told. Mr Gargani, 26, was terrified that someone had cursed him.

His body was found at the foot of cliffs near his home in Lewes. He died from multiple injuries. When detectives went to his flat they discovered graffiti claiming that he was the victim of a curse. Pages from a Bible had also been pasted on the wall.

Detective Sergeant Simon Bates told the hearing that the dead man had "an inveterate fear of black magic and witchcraft". He believed that he had been cursed by a member of a black magic coven."He subsequently burnt the items he was sent to counter a black magic measure."

The last person to see Mr Gargani alive was a 16-year-old friend. "He was quite distressed — he was getting bad dreams and voodoo dolls," the boy said. "He mentioned before he was trying out some magical practices."

Louisa Serrechia, 22, who knew Mr Gargani, said that he had become terrified. "He said someone was trying to kill him and he didn't know who it was. He got telephone calls and things through the post.

"The cow's heart had upset him very much. He said it had been going on for sometime. He was absolutely terrified and he didn't know who was doing this to him. Someone had picked on him for a reason. I don't think he had got involved himself."

Detective Sergeant Bates said that Mr Gargani's death formed part of an inquiry into a number of "unusual happenings" in Lewes. "In recent weeks graves have been desecrated and cats killed and nailed to posts outside churches. In the latest incident on Tuesday of this week, three graves were desecrated."

Mr Gargani, who stood last year as a candidate for the Green Party in local elections, told friends shortly before his death that he was going for a walk over the South Downs.

Veronica Hamilton Deeley, the Coroner, recorded an open verdict. She said: "I certainly can't ignore a cry for help and the evidence suggests that he got caught up in this stuff. I can't explain his death."

Dudley Moore files for divorce No 4

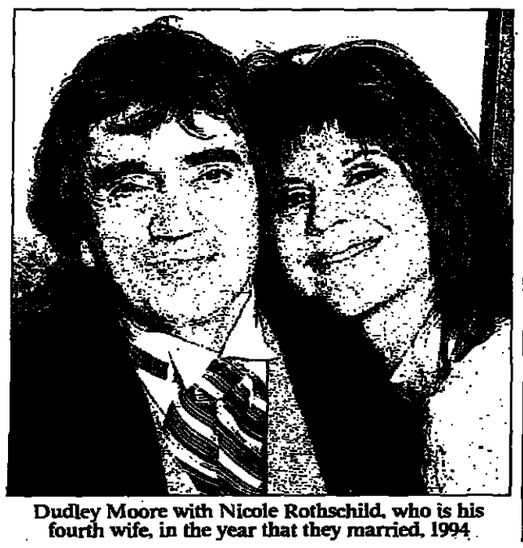
FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AFTER a stormy two-year marriage to a Californian woman barely half his age, Dudley Moore, the British actor and musician, has applied for a divorce.

The 61-year-old entertainer claimed in legal papers filed on Tuesday that "irreconcilable differences" had made the end of his marriage to Nicole Rothschild, 32, inevitable. The break-up was widely expected after reports of a fierce argument in the couple's Los Angeles home last month.

In March 1994, after a ten-year relationship with Ms Rothschild, whom he had met in Hollywood when she was 18, Mr Moore was arrested and charged with beating her, and was released on $50,000 bail. The charges against Mr Moore were dropped. The couple were married the following month. Ms Rothschild was Mr Moore's fourth wife.

The couple had moved south from Mr Moore's beachside home in Los Angeles to Orange County, east to the Colorado ski resort of Telluride, and eventually back to California. Last year, a son, Nicholas, was born.



Dudley Moore with Nicole Rothschild, who is his fourth wife, in the year that they married, 1994

Lock-in flushes out disputed cheque

BY A STAFF REPORTER

GRANDMOTHERS are proving they are no push-overs when it comes to justice.

After the triumph of Lady Kennet, who kneed a burglar in the groin after she found him trying to steal her computer, a grandmother from Hampshire locked herself in the lavatory of a local estate agent and refused to leave until the firm paid the £450 she said it owed her.

Although she was equipped with enough food, drink and crossword puzzles for a long stay, Lyn Smith, 53, had to wait just four hours before her demands were met. A senior executive of Stones in Petersfield pushed a cheque for £450 under the bolted door.

The first staff knew of her campaign was when they heard Mrs Smith shout from behind the locked lavatory door: "They owe my daughter £450 and until they pay I'm staying here."

Mrs Smith, from Soberton, claimed that Stones had failed to refund a deposit cheque paid by her for a new home for her daughter. "I would have stayed there all night if needed," she said.

Bored Bulgarian players show Scarborough red card

BY PAUL WILKINSON

WHILE England's footballers are pilloried for drinking on tour and nightclubbing only hours after their lacklustre performance against Switzerland, another Euro 96 team have moved out of their hotel to find livelier surroundings.

The Bulgarians have wearied of the delightful but bucolic charms of their three-star accommodation in a Victorian country house hotel, sandwiched on a clifftop between the North Sea and thousands of acres of heather on the North York Moors.

The Bulgarians are bored with having just snooker, tennis and golf to occupy themselves at the Raven Hall Hotel after training. The nearest town, Scarborough, is ten miles away. They were also dissatisfied with practice facilities at third division Scarborough FC, saying the pitch was too hard and bumpy. But mostly they did not relish a five-hour, 200-mile round trip tonight and next week to their Group B matches in Newcastle upon Tyne.

Borislav "Bobby" Mihaylov, the Bulgarians' goalkeeper and skipper, who plays for Reading, said: "They are bored. There are not many facilities at the hotel. We have too far to travel to games."

Finding space for a party of 50 with the tournament in full swing has proved difficult. Last night they booked into less than exotic Stockton-on-Tees, at the £108-a-night, four-star Swallow Hotel. They hope at the end of the week to move into the much grander Redworth Hall, outside Darlington. They will take over rooms from by the Romanian team, who in turn move on to Leeds.

For the burghers of Darlington there was some satisfaction in the switch of hotels. The Bulgarians had originally booked to stay there but Scarborough staged a publicity coup by luring them to the seaside with £25,000 worth of free accommodation. The town had hoped to take £5 million from a predicted 5,000 Bulgarian fans but fewer than 500 turned up.

Last night John Williams, leader of Darlington council, said: "It had been portrayed as a 1-0 victory for Scarborough but I would say now it has ended 2-1 to us, thanks to a last-minute own goal."

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Rev. Stuart Bamforth of Leeds

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Chance to be the big name in town, next to the Queen

BY PAUL WILKINSON

AN OLD mill town is aiming to be streets ahead in the market for status symbols. It will name a road after whoever puts up £30,000 to finish a development project.

The special deal offers an affluent egotist the chance to rub shoulders with royalty and religious zealotry — the unnamed road lies next to Queen Street and Wesley Street in the centre of Morley, near Leeds.

The money is required by the Leeds branch of the Groundwork Trust, which is redeveloping the site into a piazza providing facilities for handicapped people, including car parking and a sensory garden.

Dr John Howden, the branch director, said: "We need the cash to complete the £100,000 project and we thought what a great idea for someone to ensure their name goes on in perpetuity.

"People are happy to pay up to £20,000 for a personalised number plate, but that is transitory. This way their name will live on long after they have gone.

"It is an ideal way of commemorating a loved one or perhaps a company would want to promote its identity. I am sure it's tax-deductible. As long as it is legal, decent, honest and truthful, we will be happy." The final choice would have to be approved by planners from Leeds City Council, which has already sanctioned such epoch-makers as Mandela Court and Canal Street.

People seeking to attach themselves to Morley should know the site was once the home of Donald Neilsen, the kidnapper better known as the Black Panther. The house where he lived has long since been demolished. Morley's other claims to fame are few. Developed during the last century on the back of the cloth industry, probably its most famous son and daughter were the Liberal Prime Minister Herbert Asquith and the recently deceased racing cyclist, Beryl Burton.

Its particular brand of thick cloth, made from 'Shoddy' or recycled material, was sold for uniforms to both sides of the American Civil War. As a result it gave the world the phrase 'the Blue and the Grey', grey for the undyed material and navy blue for one of the few colours the cloth would take. It was also once the rhubarb capital of England, sending up to 60 tons a day to Covent Garden market until the 1950s. Its geographical position almost equidistant from Liverpool and Hull, London and Edinburgh, has often earned it the title of "the centre of the universe" among expatriate Tykes, although not by anyone else.

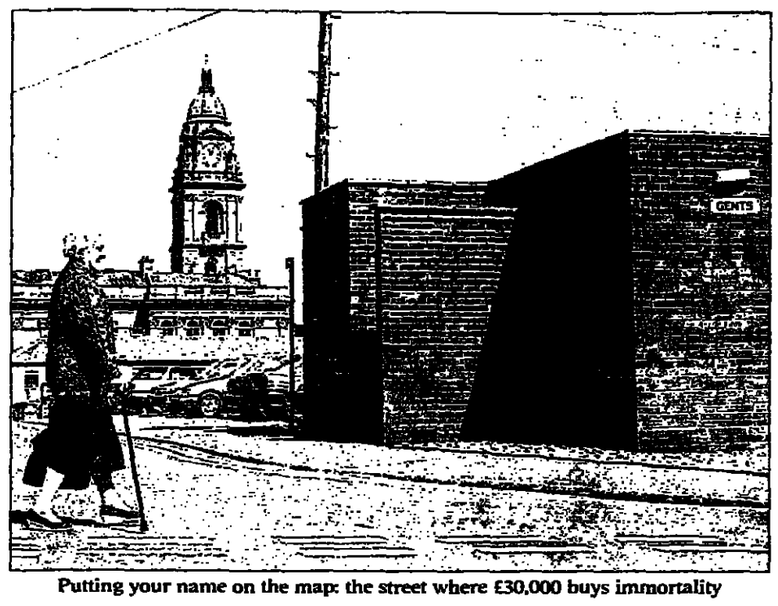
The street itself is just 100 yards long. On one side is a former shoddy mill, now converted into the Morley Heritage Centre, commemorating the town's industrial past and the Trust offices. On the other is a car park on the site of a terrace of Victorian houses.

At the end is the Zion nonconformist chapel and the street's one house. It is currently occupied by Jean Oates, the church caretaker, and her two sons, David, 26, and Robert 22. David said: "I would not pay 30p to have it named after me, let alone £30,000. I suppose it owuld be nice to have a street named after you, but we have got by for eight years without one.

"If it was named after someone important, it would be fair enough, but really it's a waste of money. During the day it gets busy with 300 cars parking opposite us. Our relatives cannot park outside. A better name might be Piccadilly Circus."

Yorkshire already a number of exotic names on its gazetteers. Perhaps the most unusual is Whip-ma-whop-ma-gate, a narrow entrance to the Shambles in York, once the site of a whipping post for adulterers. However, the name is believed to be a corruption of the 16th-century local dialect phrase Whitnour-whatnour, a sort of inquisitive jocular comment asking: What sort of thing is that?

Other great Yorkshire street names include Pissy Beds Common in Doncaster, Arguements Yard in Whitby and Bad Bargain Lane in York.



Putting your name on the map: the street where £30,000 buys immortality

Rapist who posed as a priest is jailed again

BY AUDREY MAGEE

THE man convicted of raping the Conservative Party member known as Judy was jailed yesterday for stealing from an Irish priest.

John Cronin, 25, from Tranent, East Lothian, began a 12-month term in an Irish jail for stealing £1,180. Cronin came to notoriety after a mother of four, known only as Judy, told the 1993 Tory conference in Scotland that she had been raped and viciously assaulted.

Cronin emerged as the assailant who had gained access to her house by posing as a priest. He was sentenced to life imprisonment, reduced to six years on appeal. He served four years and went to Ireland last May.

In Ireland Cronin befriended Canon Sean Rooney, from Mohill, Co Leitrim. He stole the money from the priest's bedroom when Canon Rooney was out and spent most of it on drink with his girlfriend.

Cronin was arrested last week in the Irish parliament, dressed as a priest.

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Paths to glory: signs of the times honour great names from Reading and south London, top, to Westminster

A noble form of *address for the* greatest of all

BY ROBIN YOUNG AND KIRSTIE HEPBURN

LINKING a name to a street has long been seen as a short cut to immortality. The most famous instance was that of George Villiers, Duke of Buckingham, who sold land in London in the 1760s on condition that the streets built on it should carry his name. This resulted in George Court, Villiers Street, Duke Street, Of Alley and Buckingham Street all neatly grouped around the Strand. Duke Street is now gone and Of Alley has been renamed York Place, but otherwise the Duke's memory lingers on.

In some cases, the name is still famous but the personality behind it has faded into obscurity. Downing Street takes its name from Sir George Downing, who owned the land in the 17th century. Hatton Garden, centre of the jewellery trade, was named for Sir Christopher, to whom the Bishops of Ely were forced to cede part of their estate in 1576.

Land ownership explains the multiplicity of Grosvenors, Russells and Cadogans in London's squares, courts, places, roads and avenues, while many of the capital's thoroughfares apparently named for other places (Northampton, Northumberland, Bedford, Tavistock and so on) really commemorate yet more aristocrats. Others, such as Regent Street, have royal links. More recently, council and private developers have taken to thematic naming. Andover in Hampshire reveres more than 30 cricketers, 18 admirals and a flight of RAF heroes on its estates. Harrow in Middlesex has sportsmen and women. Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, commemorates British film personalities.

The rhyme and reason is not always obvious. Ayrton Senna Road in Reading, Berkshire, should have been a Drive, surely? Dorchester in Dorset goes for ancient history and mythology.

Nottingham has a bill of music hall stars, plus Torvill Avenue and Dean Drive, Close and Road. Kettering also has a Torvill (Crescent) grouped with a (Linford) Christie Way, (Sally) Gunnell Close, (Daley) Thompson Way, and (Colin) Jackson Way. South-west London has Tessa Sanderson Place.

Milton Keynes has dedications to composers: Britten Grove, Wagner Close, Holst Crescent, Edgar Grove, Mozart Close. More popularly there are (Charlie) Chaplin Grove, (Bing) Crosby Court, (Jimi) Hendrix Drive, (John) Lennon Drive, (Marilyn) Monroe Avenue, (Roy) Orbison Court, Holly Close for Buddy, Mercury Grove (for Freddie) and (Elvis) Presley Way.





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Ministers invite comprehensives to go grammar

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS are to invite local authority comprehensive schools to defy Labour councillors and become fully selective to meet the Prime Minister's target of a grammar school in every town.

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, admitted yesterday that the move was necessary because John Major's aim of re-establishing a national grammar school network was unlikely to be fulfilled under original proposals to create selective schools from scratch. A White Paper to be published this month will offer incentives for comprehensives to fill the gaps.

At a briefing on a series of measures calculated to silence critics on the Right of her party, Mrs Shephard promised to make it easier for schools in Labour areas to apply for grammar status. She expected many to become selective in the next few years.

The White Paper will allow grant-maintained schools to select up to half their pupils without government approval, while local authority schools are restricted to a lower figure.

Legislation to be outlined in September will include tougher measures on school discipline and new powers of inspection, as well as additional selection. Schools will be permitted to impose detentions against parents' wishes and to exclude pupils for up to 45 days at a time, rather than the present 15-day maximum. Head teachers and opposition parties dismissed the proposed extension of selection as irrelevant to educational needs.

Learning and teaching in 85 per cent of Scottish primary schools and 80 per cent of secondary schools was "good" or "very good", a survey by HM Inspector of Schools found. But Raymond Robertson, a Scottish Office Minister, said he was appalled at the lack of urgency shown by local authorities in introducing compulsory national tests and concerned that arrangements for meeting pupils' needs were no better than "fair" in 40 per cent of schools.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "Any major extension of selection in our view is a recipe for chaos and instability. There does have to be some planning in the education system and I am very concerned that we might be moving from parental choice to school choice."

Teachers' leaders were more enthusiastic about Mrs Shephard's plans to reform teacher training. Colleges and university departments will be required to follow a "national curriculum" on English and mathematics for primary teachers. Mrs Shephard said all English courses would have to show students how to teach reading through phonics. In the longer term, the Teacher Training Agency would recast government requirements for other courses along similar lines. These would include in-service provision to cover experienced teachers as well as trainees.

Mrs Shephard brushed aside suggestions that government interference in higher education would threaten academic freedom. "I think that the interests of children and parents come first and, if 46 per cent of newly qualified teachers can say they don't feel equipped practically to deal with the challenge of the classroom, there needs to be more prescription."

In a speech to a CBI conference, Mrs Shephard said action was needed because research to be published today in the Competitiveness White Paper showed Britain was lagging behind other nations in literacy and numeracy. Although British performance was improving, Germany in particular was well ahead.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "We have been asking for 20 or 25 years that teacher training should do more to prepare teachers for the classroom. The trouble is the Government has been procrastinating and listening to advisers, inspectors and administrators instead of teachers."

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PHILIP COPPELL

The present residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, to be put up for sale for up to £350,000

Prelate trades down in property market



Kelly: Archbishop's House too big for him

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Roman Catholic Archbishop-elect of Liverpool, the Right Rev Patrick Kelly, has decided against living in his palatial episcopal residence in favour of something more modest.

The former Bishop of Salford has decided the four-bedroom, three-bathroom Georgian house with its walled garden in one of the smarter areas of Liverpool is too big. He is to move into a smaller, modern, detached house near by. The imposing Archbishop's House in Mossley Hill will be put on the market for between £300,000 and £350,000, described as "in need of repairs". The new house, which was intended to be a retirement residence for the late Archbishop Derek Worlock, has room for an office and living quarters for the Archbishop, his chaplain and guests. It will be refurbished before he moves in.

Archbishop's House was cared for by nuns from Birmingham's Selly Park sisters while Archbishop Worlock lived there. It has been the home of the Catholic Archbishop since Archbishop George Beck moved there in 1973 from an even bigger mansion. After Archbishop Worlock died, the nuns moved out of the convent attached to the house.

Bishop Kelly explained: "The Green Lane residence, since the community of sisters based there left, is simply too big for my needs. It would be home only to my chaplain and myself. The time has come to take stock."

The speed of his decision contrasts with the Church of England, where a seven-year review of all 44 bishops' homes is underway. Only one, the £1 million thatched home of the Bishop of Portsmouth, has so far been earmarked for sale.

Dentists to be paid extra for children

By JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

EXTRA cash for children's dentistry, part of a deal to end a four-year pay dispute with dentists, was announced by the Government yesterday.

Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, told the Commons that in addition to the annual capitation fees paid for the dental care of children, dentists would receive fees for fillings and other treatments.

The changes are intended to improve care for children after evidence that their dental health has worsened, especially in poor urban areas. They will mean that children's share of the NHS dental budget of £1.4 billion will rise from 24 to 26 per cent.

The British Dental Association (BDA) said: "If you happen to work in an area where children have grim teeth you are caught. Now dentists should be able to take on a child under any circumstances because the financial disincentive has been removed."

However, there are no proposals to improve adult dental care, which is increasingly moving into the private sector as dentists refuse to take on new NHS patients. Under the new deal, payments for adult NHS patients will be reduced by cutting the period for which they are registered from 24 to 15 months and by reducing the budget for expensive treatments by £10 million.

"There is a sideways move of cash out of the adult pool into the children's pool. If anything it will make adult NHS care harder to provide," a BDA spokesman said.

The dispute began in 1992 after dentists registered more patients than expected under their new contract and earned an average £16,500 above what was expected. The Health Department demanded a 13.5 per cent fee cut, later reduced to 7 per cent, and the return of the overpayment. Dentists claimed it had been earned and paid in good faith and refused to pay it back.

Yesterday, Mr Malone agreed to waive the overpayment. In addition, individual grants of up to £40,000 will be available to health authorities to help to pay for services in areas where people cannot find an NHS dentist.

Bottomley to warn lottery boards over money for minorities

By ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the Heritage Secretary, is to warn the heads of the five good causes distributing lottery money that the public will stop buying lottery tickets if they continue to give money to controversial minority groups.

Mrs Bottomley is to remind the boards giving grants to charities, the arts, sport, heritage and the millennium celebrations of their public accountability. The move comes after the Prime Minister's criticism on Tuesday of four grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board to groups that help homosexuals and prostitutes.

While grants to charities such as the Samaritans and the Red Cross would meet with general approval, Mrs Bottomley said, there was disquiet about others. "The Lottery needs to maintain public confidence. Many will feel that there are a handful of grants which are not in line with this."

She is understood to feel that the grant-giving bodies are treading a fine line between being seen to be independent and appearing to be downright arrogant. She has already asked David Sieff, chairman of the charities board, for an explanation of the four grants singled out by John Major on Tuesday and is to raise the issue with the heads of the other distributing boards at a meeting next month.

Her main concern is that if the boards continue to refuse to accept public feeling about lottery grants, it will damage the National Lottery. Sources say her concern applies equally to "elitist" grants such as the £78 million grant to the Royal Opera House as to "politically correct" hand-outs to minority groups.

The distributing boards are independent of the Government but accountable to Parliament. With the exception of the Millennium Commission, the chairs of the boards are appointed by the Heritage Secretary or the Prime Minister.

It is understood that Mr Major's comments that some of the board's latest grants were "ill-founded and ill-judged" was prompted by Tory backbenchers in marginal seats who feared the hand-outs might not be popular with their constituents.

Mr Sieff last night defended the board's decision to give grants to minority groups. "The people receiving these grants are human beings and I am hurt by the reaction to news that they are to get lottery money. By law, we must consider grant applications on their merits and these were very good projects," he said. The board would begin a consultation exercise in the autumn to determine how people wanted lottery money to be spent.

☐ Jack Cunningham, Shadow National Heritage Secretary, said yesterday there were "major bottlenecks" in the distribution of lottery money for good causes, a year and a half after the game started. According to government figures, 90 per cent of money for the arts, 92 per cent for sports and 95 per cent for charities remains unspent.

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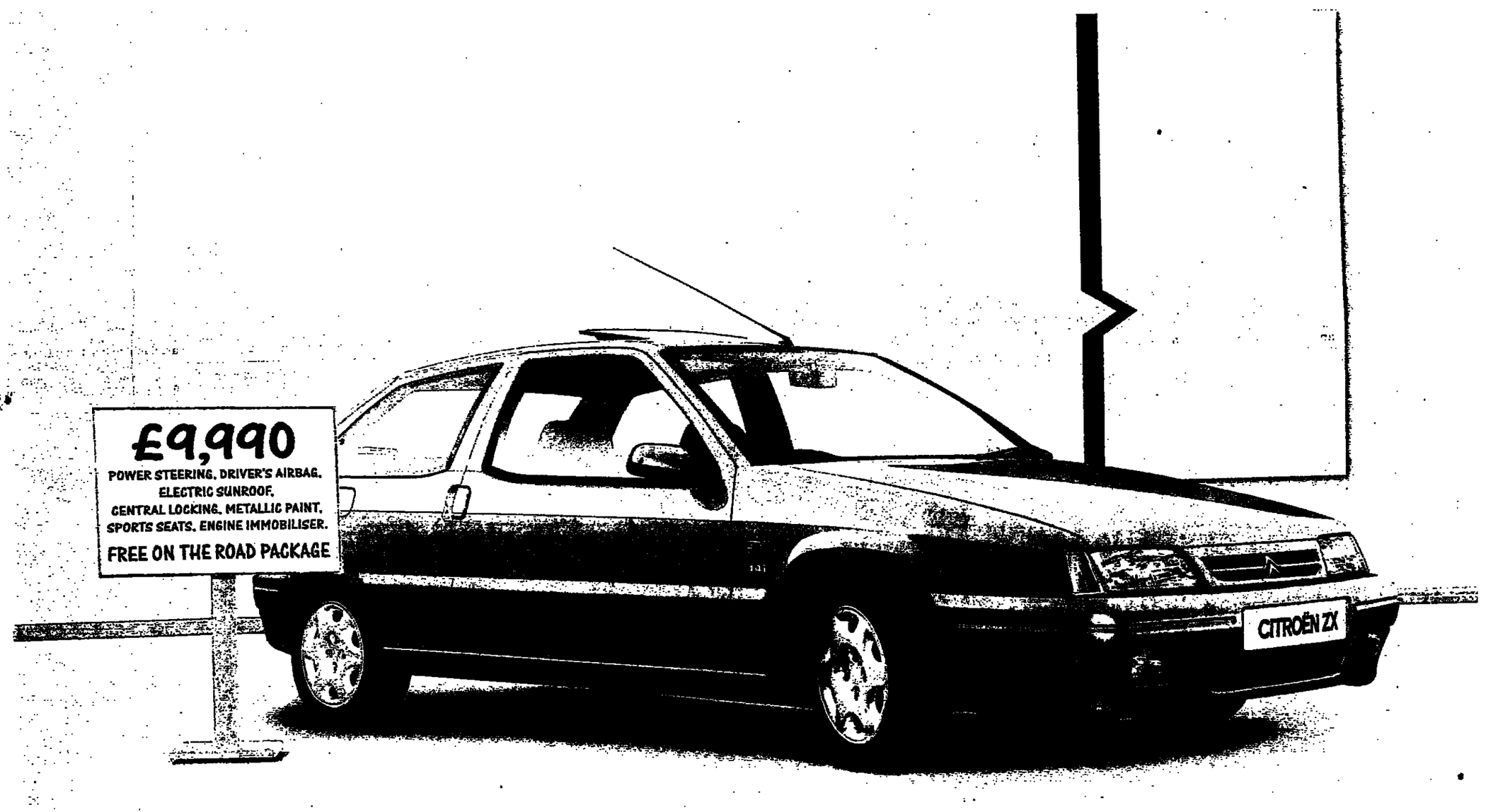
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Germans criticise massive increase in overseas sales for 'spreading the danger of BSE'

British firms exported outlawed animal feed

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

BRITISH exports of animal feeds potentially contaminated with the agent for "mad cow" disease more than doubled in the years after they were banned as ruminant feeds in Britain. France, Israel and Thailand were all big buyers, according to official statistics.

The action of Britain in continuing to export the feed after 1989 has been attacked by an official in the German Agriculture Ministry's animal diseases division. Udo Weimer is quoted in the science journal *Nature* as saying: "They knew that meat and bone meal was dangerous, yet they exported it and spread the danger." When exports in the EU were banned, Britain continued to export feed to other parts of the world, Mr Weimer said.

An unnamed official from the British Veterinary Association was quoted as saying: "I badgered our chief veterinary officer, saying that having identified a 'poisoned food' it was immoral to export it. I was told it was up to the importing countries to put in place all the guarantees."

British officials argue that while the feed had been banned for ruminants, it was still allowed for use in pigs and poultry, and there was no reason not to export it. The EC did not apply a community-wide ban on British feeds, partly because member states had applied their own.

Exports in 1988 amounted to about 20,000 tons. The following year they shot up to 45,000 tons. More than a third went to France. The French banned the imports for ruminants on August 3, 1989. However, competitive prices of British feed attracted new clients outside the EU. In 1991 Israel imported 10,000 tons and Thailand 6,200 tons. *Nature* said that figures for following years were unavailable, but the exports continued.

France may have been saved from higher levels of BSE because it uses lower levels of meat and bonemeal in cattle feed — 1.5 per cent rather than up to 12 per cent in Britain. Most of the exported feed was probably fed to pig and chickens, who do not develop BSE-like diseases.

A French expert was quoted in *Le Monde* yesterday as saying that while "sporadic cases of BSE have been registered in France, Portugal, Switzerland and Ireland, from the evidence, other EU countries are affected by BSE but are hiding the truth".

In Jerusalem, a spokeswoman for the Health ministry said: "Since 1988, Israel has not imported any animal-based cattle feed from Britain." Israel did import British chicken feed, "but we know this is not contaminated".

JOHN POTTER



Beyond suspicion: an animal waiting in the pens at Banbury cattle market. British farmers were banned after 1989 from giving the suspect food to ruminants

Tonsil test may help to identify infection

BY NIGEL HAWKES

A NEW test developed by Dutch scientists might be used to identify cows suffering from BSE before symptoms appear, avoiding the slaughter of healthy animals.

The scientists have shown that scrapie, a sheep disease similar to BSE, can be detected by testing samples taken from the animals' tonsils. The test shows positive results in infected animals a year before symptoms appear.

They admit it may not work with cattle. But in a report in the journal *Nature* they argue that "it is surely worth investigating our suggestion further". At present the prion diseases, which include BSE, scrapie and CJD, can be disagnosed with complete certainty only after death.

Dr Bram Schreuder and colleagues from the Institute for Animal Science and Health at Lelystad have used antibodies to detect the abnormal prion protein from sheep tonsils. Tests in which cattle lymph tissues — which include tonsils — have been fed to mice have not transferred the infection. But Dr Schreuder argued that, even if cattle tonsils did not prove useful for the test, another tissue or organ might.

Euro vets call for thousands more cattle to be slaughtered



Meldrum: extended cull

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN officials pressed Britain yesterday to slaughter thousands more cattle than the 80,000 already proposed to clear the way for an accord to end the beef crisis.

As British officials handed the European Commission a revised version of the framework plan for easing the overall export ban, the Standing Veterinary Committee, composed of national officials, insisted on a deeper selective cull. The plan is the subject of hectic negotiations in Brussels and EU capitals as diplomats try to strike a compromise that could end the British campaign of obstruction in time for the EU summit in Florence next week.

Keith Meldrum, the Chief Veterinary Officer, said his colleagues appeared ready to endorse the overall BSE eradication programme provided the selective cull was extended to cattle born in 1989 and 1990. The existing plan dooms animals born between 1991 and 1993 in herds where others of the same age had suffered BSE. Experts said the vets' demand would mean the killing of several thousand more beasts.

Britain and the Commission have voiced optimism over the prospects for a framework agreement next week, but resistance remains high in Germany and several other states to any commitment to relaxing the ban before Britain has proved that BSE has been virtually eradicated.

The framework scheme aims to achieve agreement on the scientific criteria Britain must meet for each phase of easing the export ban. With an overall plan, it will be harder for reluctant states to block decisions in the veterinary committee, which must rule on each step. The committee is due to review the framework on Friday before handing it to foreign ministers in Rome on Monday. The Commission may endorse it next Tuesday, in time for Florence.

A spokesman for Jacques Santer, the Commission President, called Britain's latest framework "a realistic basis" for a solution. Since an end to British obstruction is implicit in any deal, an explosive political equation has to be solved if leaders are to agree in Florence. The continental states dare not risk being seen to cave in to British "blackmail", as the Government's blocking policy is widely seen, while John Major is aware that anything that smacks of a climbdown will hand powerful ammunition to Tory Euro-sceptics.

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Chilham Castle, set in a Capability Brown garden

Agents cut price of castle by £1m

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A 17TH-CENTURY castle has fallen to market forces and is being offered for £1 million less than in 1994. Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, reputedly designed by Inigo Jones and with terraced gardens created by Capability Brown, is now priced at £2.5 million.

It was put up for sale in 1994 by the family of Viscount Massereene and Ferrard after the death of the 13th Viscount. Potential buyers, including Mick Jagger, have been unmoved by its wood-panelled reception rooms and marble swimming pool hidden under the floor of the Gothic-style hall. The agents Savills are reducing the price today and dividing the property in three lots.

The first lot, priced at £1 million to £1.5 million, consists of the castle, two cottages, the gardens, immediate grounds and 79 acres. The second lot, for £500,000, consists of the 217 acres of park and woodland. The third lot consists of the dovecote and stable yard, which has planning consent for 21 homes.

Chilham was built in 1616 for Sir Dudley Digges. The three-storey, hexagonal house has an impressive main staircase and the gardens feature yew topiary. There are five main reception rooms and eight bedrooms in the main house and four flats, parts of which are in a 19th-century extension.

In 1944, the author Somerset de Chair bought the house and sold it five years later to the future 13th Viscount.

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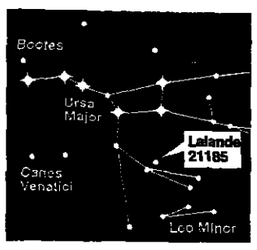
Neighbours in space are closer than we thought

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE solar system may have *planetary neighbours far closer than anybody suspected. A star just eight light years away* — virtually on the same block, in astronomical terms — appears to have two planets in orbit around it.

If confirmed, these will be our closest planetary neighbours, four times nearer than any other planet detected in orbit around stars other than the Sun. However, neither planet is likely to contain life.

The existence of the two planets has been inferred by Dr George Gatewood of the University of Pittsburgh. Observations by astronomers of a star called Lalande 21185 over



the past 66 years show that it is moving towards the Earth at 50 miles a second. That in itself is not surprising, but the motion periodically speeds up and then slows, a "wobble" that could be caused by the rotation of planets around the star, Dr Gatewood told a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Madison, Wisconsin.

He estimates that two planets, one circling at about the same distance as Saturn is from the Sun, and a second much closer, could account for the anomalies. The more distant planet would take about 30 years to orbit, and the other one six years.

Dr Gatewood does not think it likely that either planet could support life. Lalande 21185 is a red dwarf, too dim to be visible from Earth, and the planets are too far away from it. The evidence is that the *planets lie on the same plane*, as do the Sun's planets, and that their orbits are almost precisely circular.

This increases the chances that they are planets and not failed stars, such as brown dwarfs, captured by the star. Dr Robert Brown, of the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, said that "these facts taken together are precisely the defining characteristics of planets versus other companions like stars or brown dwarfs" whose orbits are more elliptical and unlikely to line up on the same plane.

Though adding "all the usual caveats", Dr Brown said that "this sounds like a very exciting result".

Steve Maran, an astronomer at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Maryland, said: "These are the first ones that are really *like our solar system.*"

☐ British astronomers have *deepened the mystery over the* origin of the universe by finding a relatively old galaxy in a region that seems too young to contain it. A team led by Dr James Dunlop, from the Institute of Astronomy in Edinburgh, reports in *Nature* that a galaxy called 53W091 is *so distant that its signals have* taken most of the age of the *universe to reach us. We see* the galaxy as it appeared about 1.6 billion years after the Big Bang, but the spectrum of the stars in the galaxy implies that they are 3.5 billion years old. This has "far-reaching implications" the team says.

The discovery, made with US colleagues, is another example of paradoxical evidence *that the universe appears* younger than stars it contains.

NIGEL MARPLE



Steven Fischer examines examples of Easter Island script, at his home on Waiheke Island, New Zealand. They embody beliefs about creation

Language of Easter Island deciphered

BY NICK NUTTALL

A RESEARCHER is claiming to have deciphered the hieroglyphics of Easter Island, famed for its giant stone-carved heads and strange texts.

Steven Fischer, a former lecturer at Canterbury University, New Zealand, believes the hieroglyphics are "cosmology chants" set down by the island's priests in the 18th century in an attempt to explain creation. His findings are backed by Thomas Barthel, of the University of Tübingen, Germany, the leading authority on the script, and Paul Bahn, a British archaeologist and co-author of the book *Easter Island*.

Over six years, Mr Fischer, director of the Institute of Polynesian Language and Literature, visited museums housing the remaining tablets and examples of the *Easter Island script. The texts* were reported in the 1860s by a French missionary but their meaning had been lost.

In the 1950s, Dr Barthel concluded that the text was a simple rather than a developed language.

Mr Bahn, who has reported the new findings in *New Scientist*, said yesterday: "It *seems most likely that the script was a very late phenomenon*, inspired by a visit from the Spanish in 1770." The visitors flourished a proclamation annexing the island to Spain, which the island priests and chiefs were asked to sign in their language.

"This was probably their first experience of speech embodied in parallel lines. *And they seem to have adopted this form of writing using* characters derived from motifs already present in the island's rich rock art," Mr Bahn said. This then evolved into a fully formed written language.

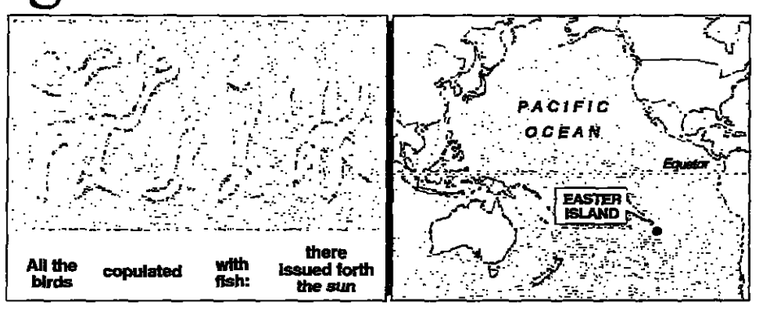
The clue came from a piece of Easter Island text, at the *Santiago Museum of Natural* History. A study of photographs shows that its horizontal inscription is divided, roughly, into multiples of three vertical hieroglyphics, or "triads", linked with a penis motif.

One piece of the text shows a bird with a penis, followed *by a fish and a sun.* This translates as "all the birds copulated with fish and there issued forth the sun." Mr Fischer believes. Studies of 22 tablets have also yielded the triad pattern of hieroglyphics and these are also believed to be creation tales.

The view is supported by the log of an American ship that visited the island in 1886. Officers recalled that islanders had chants for at least 41 "fanciful copulations".

Mr Fischer, whose findings will be published next year, believes that 85 per cent of the Easter Island text is concerned with creation.

Mr Bahn said most of the statues were built between 1100 and 1500 AD.



An example of the hieroglyphics, believed to date from the 18th century

NEWS IN BRIEF

Psychic aid for Moors boy mother

Winnie Johnson, 62, mother of Keith Bennett, the Moors murder victim whose body was never found, returned to Saddleworth Moor, near Manchester, with Teresa Walsh, a medium, on what would have been his forty-fourth birthday. The moor has been the scene of several police searches since the 12-year-old boy disappeared in 1964. Myra Hindley herself failed to locate his grave.

Oyston at work

Owen Oyston, 62, the multi-millionaire jailed for six years for rape, has been moved to Wymott Prison, a medium-security training prison near Preston, Lancashire. He has been set to work with his hands and is paid £7 a week.

Island stabbing

A Briton has been stabbed to death on the Philippine island of Boracay, where he owned a bar. Police said Stephen Abbot, 44, from London, was killed as he returned from a fishing trip. A worker from another bar was arrested.

False fortune

Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, has orderd a newsagent in Poole to remove a sign in his window claiming that a winning £131,309 ticket was bought at his shop. Camelot said that the winner did not exist.

Paraglider hurt

A paraglider suffered a broken pelvis and leg fractures when his parachute failed to open fully after jumping from cliffs at Ynys-Lochtyn, Cardiganshire. He was rescued by the crew of an inshore lifeboat and airlifted to hospital.

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Clarke's almost impossible mission is the Tories' only hope

Kenneth Clarke wants to achieve the near-impossible and be an economically responsible pre-election Chancellor. In his Mansion House speech last night, he offered a corrective to the wishful thinking of the sceptic Right. But he was not just being sensible. His approach offers the Tories their only, pretty slim, hope of approaching the election in even a semi-coherent state.

Pre-election Budgets almost always err on the side of risk rather than caution. They assume too high a rate of economic growth, take a relaxed attitude to public spending and, consequently, reduce taxes by too much. After the subsequent election, corrective action has to taken with cutbacks in pre-election spending plans and increases in the tax burden. In many respects, the biggest criticism of John Major in the 1990-92 period is over his support for sizeable increases in public spending unconnected with the recession — which were later paid for through higher taxes. Mr Clarke's warning last night that "tax cuts that could not be afforded would inevitably have to be reversed" is the bitter lesson of the first half of the 1990s.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Mr Clarke has little choice in view of the deterioration in public finances. After overshooting its target levels for the past two years, public borrowing is widely forecast to overshoot by at least £4 billion in the current financial year — pushing the goal of a balanced Budget even further into the future.

Despite the protests of the Tory Right, there is not a short-term problem of public spending control. Spending, and particularly central government payroll costs, have been squeezed tightly for three years in a row, and these plans have been achieved. Spending is falling steadily as a share of national income. Admittedly, the slowdown in inflation has eased some of the pressure in practice. But there is little scope for further big cuts in the short-term, esepcially since social security spending is higher than forecasts and at least £1 billion till have to spent on dealing with BSE.

The main reason for the overshoot in borrowing is a shortfall in tax receipts, amounting to nearly £10 billion in the 1995-96 financial year. This is partly becasue of the slowdown in growth earlier this year, but also reflects deeper changes in the structure of public finances. This has been puzzling the Treasury and the revenue departments. They believe there are a variety of explanations: the growth of the black or unofficial economy, more sophisticated tax avoidance arrangements and, in particular, avoidance of VAT after the increase to 17½ per cent. Together these developments have reduced tax receipts for any given level of economic output.

On this view, people have already received their tax cuts, albeit indirectly. The implication is that tax receipts should be increased to put public borrowing back on course. The real mistake has been to increase rates of VAT, rather than to have broadened the scope of VAT. The former is always easier politically. Even Nigel Lawson at the height of his powers in the mid-1980s was dissuaded from some controversial extensions of VAT. And the bloody nose the Tories received in December 1994 when they were forced to abandon the second stage of the extension of VAT to domestic fuel will act as a deterrent to any further broadening of the scope of VAT. Gordon Brown may live to regret his unequivocal language on this point.

Mr Clarke will not, of course, go down this path. But the implication of his speech last night is that his Cabinet colleagues will have to trim their programmes if there are to be tax cuts. Spending and tax plans will no doubt have to be revised after the election. But Mr Clarke is at least trying to be a semi-virtuous pre-election Chancellor.

PETER RIDDELL

Peers relish chance to have their say on Labour reforms

BY ALICE THOMSON AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PEERS may be given the chance to deliberate their own future next month in a two-day constitutional debate in the House of Lords.

Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader of the Lords, is seriously considering holding the debate, which would allow peers to discuss whether they should forfeit their right to vote and abandon their palace on the Thames.

Although Tony Blair has made it clear that he would like to see the House of Lords reformed, creating a chamber consisting only of working peers who would eventually be replaced by elected Members, government policy until now has been to stay quiet on the issue. But Lord Cranborne has spent the last year taking discreet soundings and many of the 1,200 peers, including the 700 hereditary peers, are convinced they must discuss their future before any change of government. They are worried that under the first part of Labour's plans the House would be just as undemocratic, being made up of working peers dependent on the patronage of the Prime Minister.

The Liberal Democrats are concerned that Labour's plans do not go far enough. They have said that they would rather rely on the "serendipitous opinion of the illegitimate progeny of past kings' mistresses, than the appointees of a modern prime minister".

Two recent influential reports by the Constitution Unit and a cross-party group of peers, which call for a debate on constitutional reform, have added to the urgency.

The Government will not say whether it will use the occasion to announce reforms to pre-empt Labour but its most likely alternative would be to allow hereditary peers to choose a proportion of their colleagues to represent them.

Labour may try to force a vote on whether hereditary peers should remain in the Upper House but Tory business managers are determined to prevent that.

The second day would be devoted to discussing Scottish devolution, on which Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, would probably be pitched against Lord Irvine of Lairg, for Labour, in a government attempt to ridicule Labour's plans.

Yesterday most hereditary peers seemed to relish the idea of a debate. Many admit they are now an anomaly in a "classless Britain" and are undemocratic, indefensible and male-dominated, but they are convinced that peerage should not be tinkered with because it works. If the debate goes ahead, they will warn Labour that trying to bring in devolution and reform the Lords would risk becoming bogged down with constitutional issues and having no time for anything else.

Most Liberal Democrat peers will make it clear that they want a fully elected Upper House. Yesterday their party leader, Paddy Ashdown, accused Tony Blair of "half-hearted" commitment to constitutional reform. He criticised Labour for failing to define the powers of its Welsh and Scottish assemblies, refusing to commit itself to a referendum on Europe, and putting forward vague proposals to change the Lords.

In a speech to the Oxford Union he said: "Labour seems to see the task of modernising our constitution as little more than a talisman of modernity . . . rather than the foundation which makes possible all the other changes that Britain needs. As a result, Labour's commitment can appear half-hearted, their attention to detail insufficient and their willingness to stand and fight for change unconvincing."

Taylor in favour of linguistic union

BY ALICE THOMSON

ESPERANTO speakers have found an unlikely ally in the Euro-sceptic Tory MP Sir Teddy Taylor.

He may be against a single European currency and much of the common agricultural and common fisheries policies, but he is an avid proponent of a sharing a common linguistic policy with our European neighbours.

Yesterday the Esperanto lobby began a last-ditch effort to convince the British to start speaking their international lingua-franca in Europe. They are deeply concerned that MEPs and MPs from almost every other country are making an effort to learn the language but in Britain, even Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, has no idea how to veto directives in Esperanto ("Ne").

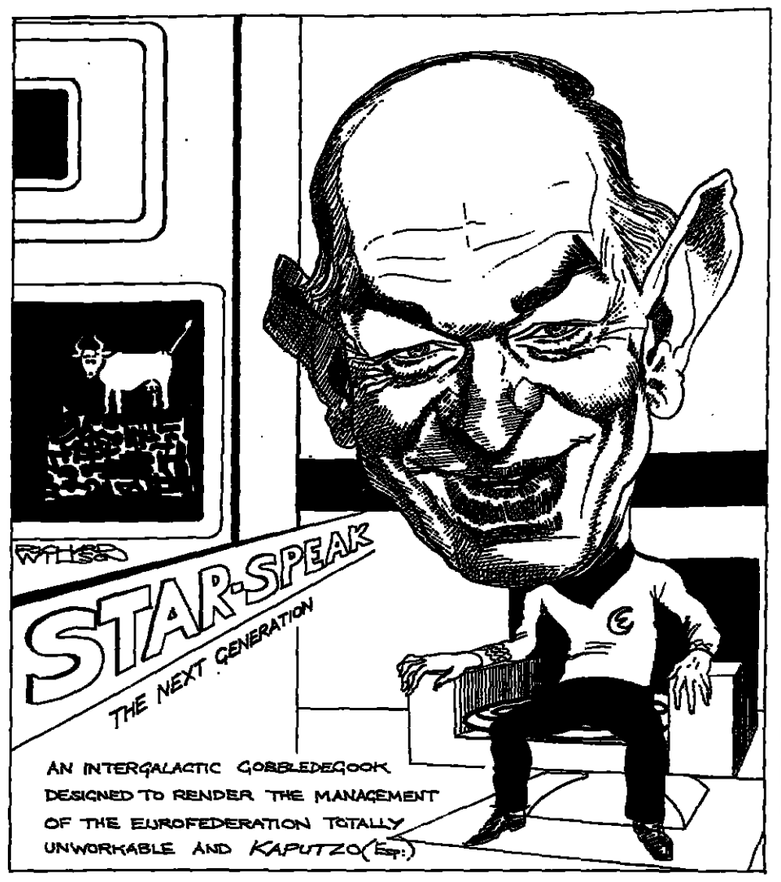
Sir Teddy, however, is chairman of the all-party Esperanto parliamentary group and is almost fluent in the language. He said: "This isn't a European issue, it's an international one. It would greatly improve understanding across the world and ease misunderstanding if every child learnt it at school. Organisations spend billions every year on translation, which is ridiculous."

Esperanto supporters are determined to force more British politicians and civil servants to take their "lingvo", now almost 100 years old, more seriously. They claim that eight million people speak it, including the Pope.

About 5,000 people in Britain are in touch with the Esperanto Asocio de Britujo but last year the Government scrapped a GCSE in the subject because they thought it had become outdated.

The campaigners want a Europe-wide teaching programme and research into making Esperanto the EU's juridical language. They also want a cost analysis of how much translation fees cost Brussels, pointing out out that memos on saving lavatory paper have to be printed in twelve languages.

Martyn McClelland, of the Asocio, said: "We need a final push and Britain must not be left behind or we won't be able to answer our European neighbours even if it is just to disagree with them."



Attempt to combat sex trial porn fails

BY JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR'S attempt to prevent evidence from sex-offence trials being circulated as pornography in prisons was defeated in the Commons last night after the Government rejected the party's proposals as flawed.

The amendment to the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill was defeated by 235 votes to 186, a government majority of 49.

The legislation, which went through its detailed report stage yesterday, reforms the law on the disclosure of evidence by the prosecution and the defence in criminal cases, and introduces new sanctions against the "nobbling" of judges and witnesses.

Alun Michael, Labour's home affairs spokesman, claimed that the Government had been aware for some time that material used in trials of sex offenders was circulating in prisons. "It is not right for such material, very often being photographs of innocent victims or the interviews that have taken place very often with women or with vulnerable children, being inside prison or elsewhere in order to provide a form of pornography of the most disgraceful kind," he said. "It is a scandal that exists now and has to be tackled now."

But David Maclean, the Home Office Minister, said that Labour's proposed new clause was "fundamentally flawed". Misuse of such trial material needed to be prevented but it was a "difficult and complex" area and rushing into inadequate legislation was likely to achieve little.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY In the Commons: questions to Northern Ireland ministers and the Prime Minister; Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) Bill, Lords amendments; Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order; backbench debate on work of Crown Office: case of Gavin McGuire. In the Lords: Deer (Scotland) Bill, second reading; Housing Bill, committee; debate on "in work" training.

Civil Service recruiters try to shake off Oxbridge image

BY JAMES LANDALE
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Civil Service launched a campaign yesterday to recruit high-flyers from all backgrounds and end the traditional dominance of Oxbridge graduates in Whitehall.

Although figures published yesterday showed that slightly fewer Oxford and Cambridge graduates are entering the so-called fast stream than before, the two universities continue to provide far more recruits than any other.

The Civil Service recruits thousands of junior officials each year, but under the fast-stream system, a few hundred high-flyers are appointed directly into key positions. Officials want to remove the "misconception" that the Civil Service recruits only white, male, arts graduates from Oxbridge, which they believe deters many talented people from red-brick universities.

Under the new Fast Stream Development Programme, recruitment will cover more universities and will encourage more applications from science and technology graduates. Teams of young civil servants will visit a wider range of universities to talk about their work, and press advertisements will try to attract people from the ethnic minorities and other groups that are underrepresented in Whitehall.

A report published yesterday on fast-stream recruitment showed that many students from outside Oxbridge were already applying, but unsuccessfully. Birmingham, East Anglia, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Nottingham and Sheffield universities all provided more than two hundred applicants each last year. But none secured more than nine places each in the fast stream.

The non-Oxbridge university that won the highest number of fast stream places was Bristol, with ten entrants from 198 applicants. By contrast, 59 of the 556 Oxford students who applied to the fast stream were successful. Out of 497 Cambridge students who applied, 45 were successful. The number of fast-stream entrants from Oxford and Cambridge dropped by 4.6 percentage points to 39 per cent between 1994 and 1995.

David Willetts, the junior Public Service Minister, said the Civil Service wanted to cast its net as wide as possible without dropping standards. "The Civil Service has to be staffed with people of the highest intellectual and ethical standards but the days of the bowler-hatted civil servant are gone."

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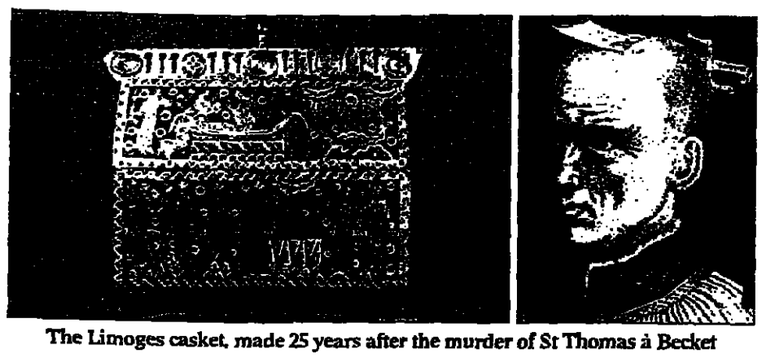
Museum seeks £1.5m to save casket of turbulent priest

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

HERITAGE groups are urgently trying to save for the nation a 12th-century casket believed to have held a relic of St Thomas à Becket.

The Victoria and Albert Museum is particularly anxious to acquire the reliquary casket, or chasse, which depicts Becket's murder in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170 by four of Henry II's knights. It may have contained one of his bones, a fragment of his clothing or a lock of his hair.

The piece, in cloisonné enamel and gilt copper, was made in Limoges in about 1195. It is probably the oldest Becket casket and certainly the most spectacular. Sotheby's will be selling it on July 4, when it is estimated to fetch £1.5 million.



The Limoges casket, made 25 years after the murder of St Thomas à Becket

The casket, which was acquired by the British Rail Pension Fund in 1979, has been on loan to the British Museum since then. In the past nine years the fund has been selling off its art and antiques collection.

Timothy Stevens, the V&A's assistant director of collections, said: "It's an object of the highest quality. It represents Limoges enamelling at its peak. We have nothing comparable."

About 50 Limoges Thomas à Becket chasses were known, "but this is way and above the average quality". The piece was an integral part of British history. "Becket is one of the most extraordinary cult figures. With its vivid depiction of the murder at the altar, it is a deeply moving object."

He emphasised the urgency of raising the money in time for the sale. "As it has been out of the country [before it was bought by the BR pension fund] we cannot stop it at the export stage." The museum has approached the Heritage Lottery Fund for support. The National Art Collections Fund, Britain's largest art charity, has offered a grant of £100,000.

David Barrie, the fund's director, said: "If anything's heritage, this is it. Becket is one of two or three medieval figures known to every generation of schoolchildren. There will be no second chance to secure this glorious 'monument' for the nation."

The casket's rectangular front panel shows the standing figure of Becket being decapitated with a long sword by a knight just as he is about to pick up a communion cup.



Bonnie Prince Charlie's death mask, sold for £8,000

At an auction of Jacobite memorabilia at Christie's in Glasgow yesterday, Bonnie Prince Charlie's death mask was sold for £9,200 including buyer's premium.

The cast was made when Charles Edward Stuart, hero of the 1745 rebellion, died in Rome in 1788. It was sold by a descendant of Sir David Menzies, a scholar and antiquarian who acquired it in the 19th century.

For the past 20 years it has languished in a bank vault because the owner's wife did not want it in the house. She said: "I have always hated it. It gives me a funny feeling whenever I have looked at it. Bonnie Prince Charlie was not bonnie at all: look at his nose. It is all a myth."

The sale coincided with the 250th anniversary of the Young Pretender's defeat at Culloden, near Inverness.

MPs call for an end to secret system of selecting magistrates

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

MPs ARE to demand an end to the secret system where little-known but powerful committees select magistrates in England and Wales.

The Commons Home Affairs Committee, chaired by Sir Ivan Lawrence, a QC, wants to overhaul the advisory committees that put forward hundreds of names to the Lord Chancellor for approval every year. In a report due out this month they will call for the introduction of modern selection and interview methods. Magistrates deal with 95 per cent of criminal prosecutions but the way they are chosen has raised concern that they are not drawn from a cross-section of the community. The Magistrates' Association, representing about 29,000 JPs, has called it a "self-perpetuating oligarchy".

The MPs will call for an end to the system in which members of the advisory committees are chosen. Most are JPs who are "invited to apply" or chosen by other magistrates. The report will say there should be professional recruitment methods with vacancies advertised widely.

MPs are expected to recommend more formal organisation of the committees, training of committees in interviewing and in knowledge of the courts, and drawing up guidelines for good practice. They will recommend that membership of advisory committees, 75-80 per cent of whom are magistrates, be publicised. There is no way of ensuring that the advisory committee is a cross-section of the community.

Concern has been expressed that local benches are unrepresentative. A survey from the Lord Chancellor's Department last year found that Conservative magistrates dominate the local bench, even in Labour strongholds.

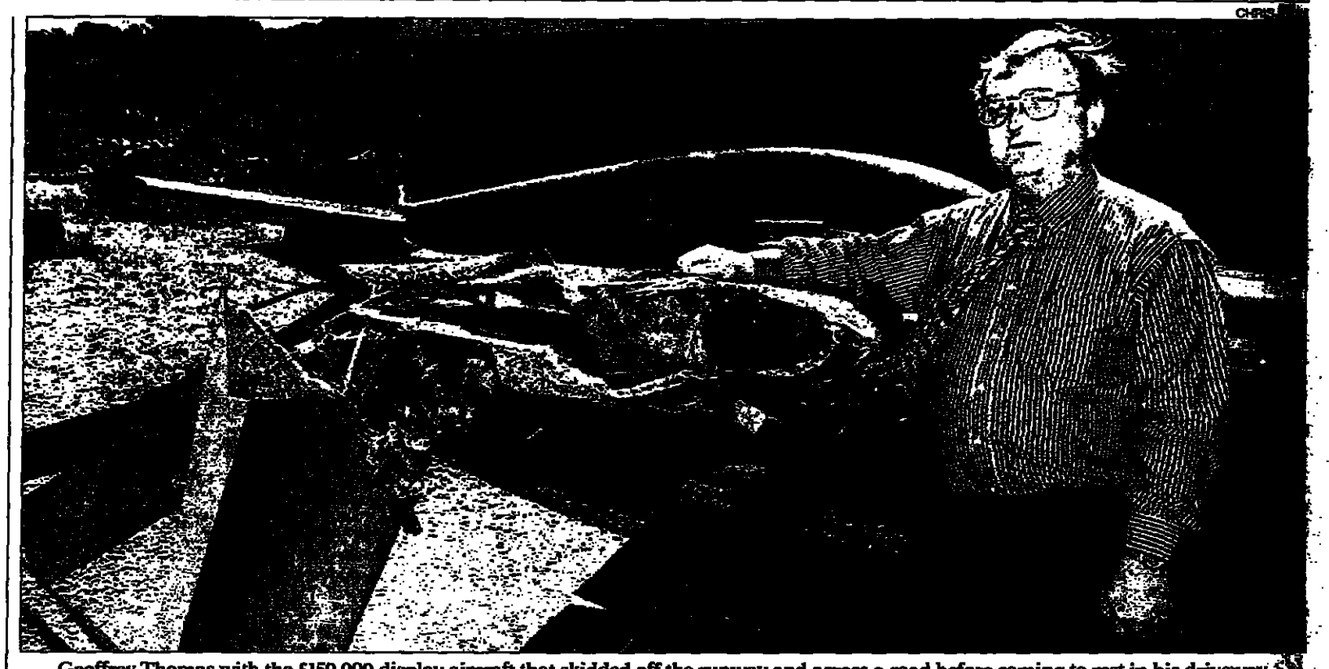
Other recommendations are expected to include that the chairman of the advisory committee is not also chairman of the local bench; and names of the members of the committee be freely displayed in public places. It has been mandatory only since 1992 that the names of members be published but availability of the list varies.

Lawyers warned of last chance on complaints

THE Law Society was warned yesterday that it should lose the power to deal with complaints from the public unless it improves its performance.

Michael Barnes, the Legal Services Ombudsman, said the number of referrals to his office — cases where clients remained unhappy about lawyers' handling of their complaints — had increased. "My view is that the Law Society has a last chance to improve the way it handles complaints, with the proposed relaunch of its Solicitors Complaints Bureau this autumn."

If there was no improvement, he said, as he published his annual report, "the pressure for a completely independent, one-stop system is likely to become irresistible" and the society should "lose the power to self-regulate".



Geoffrey Thomas with the £150,000 display aircraft that skidded off the runway and across a road before coming to rest in his driveway

Airshow pilots park with one wing and a prayer

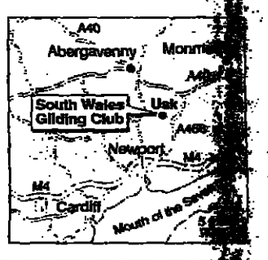
BY KYLE SMITH

TWO Jordanian air force pilots escaped unhurt when they made an emergency landing in South Wales, skidded off the airstrip, across a road and into a garden. They came to rest in the driveway, with their undercarriage ripped out and half a wing sheared off.

The pilot later declined to discuss his lucky escape other than to say: "I am very embarrassed. I think my brakes failed." His was one of four two-seater planes from the Royal Jordanian Falcons, King Husain's air display team, on their way to Biggin Hill in Kent. Visibility became so poor they decided to make an emergency landing at a gliding strip near Usk, Gwent.

Three landed successfully at the South Wales Gliding Club, but the fourth skidded along the wet grass of the 1,000-yard strip before coming to rest in Geoffrey Thomas's driveway in the village of Gwernesney. "It was a couple of feet from my house," Mr Thomas said. "If it had carried on it would have come straight through my office."

The pilots were "very shaken up" but unhurt, according to Bill Mills, chief flying instructor at the gliding club. The team stayed the night at the King's Head hotel in Usk. Steve Musto, the landlord, said: "They were deeply embarrassed about the crash landing but very relieved they all got down safely."



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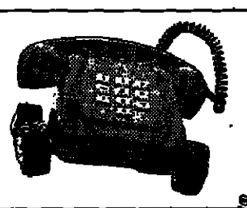
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Nato steps warily as Bosnian Serb fugitives roam free

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

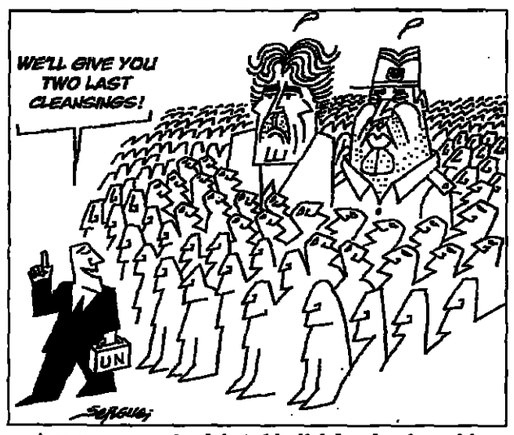
RADOVAN KARADZIC and General Ratko Mladic, the two Bosnian Serb leaders accused of committing the worst wartime atrocities in Europe since the Nazi regime, were shaking in their boots in December when 60,000 Nato-led troops with a mandate to detain them were deployed across Bosnia.

That was six months ago. Despite numerous public appearances and cross-border visits to neighbouring Serbia, the fugitives, indicted by the International War Crimes Tribunal for genocide, are still firmly in control of the Bosnian Serb military and Government, and still roam freely in the Serb Republic.

Officials from the Nato-led peace force say if they encounter any of the 49 indicted war criminals still at large during the course of their normal duties in Bosnia, and if the conditions are right, they will detain the fugitives and hand them over to The Hague. They insist that simply has not happened — a claim that is increasingly irksome to the civilian mediators whose efforts to implement the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord signed at Dayton, Ohio, have been consistently undermined by the Serb regime.

Dr Karadzic, a psychiatrist with unruly grey hair, has made frequent trips from his Pale headquarters to Banja Luka in a convoy of armoured black Mercedes with tinted windows. He has granted interviews to journalists and been spotted at his barber. (I bumped into him in January on a road in the Serb Republic, then again at a Zvornik hotel when I interviewed him.)

General Mladic, the stout military commander renowned for bravado, is reportedly hiding out in an underground military complex in Han Pijesak. He has made few public appearances, but was seen on a Pale ski slope in March, where journalists talked to him. He was also at the funeral of a fellow indicted war criminal, General Djorje Djukic, in Belgrade last month.



A comment on the delayed judicial reckoning with Karadzic and Mladic by Serguei in *Le Monde*

The Nato force knows where both are, but says Dayton places responsibility for the arrest and apprehension of indicted war criminals on the parties. While acknowledging the irony that those responsible for handing over indicted criminals are themselves indicted, officers say it is not their job.

They concede there are more credible unofficial reasons for inaction than simply not having encountered the fugitives. They point out that apprehending Dr Karadzic would anger Serbs, who would then seek some kind of retaliation against Nato troops based in the Serb Republic. Another point is that both Dr Karadzic and General Mladic are protected by armed bodyguards and Nato troops would risk coming under attack.

But the biggest problem, they say, is that they simply have not been given the order to do the job. One added: "That would require a policy change, and because everyone who has forces in [the] theatre would be affected the order would have to come from London, Paris and Washington. It hasn't yet."

As pressure to apprehend the two has mounted, Nato has tried to allay criticism by pointing out it has increased patrols across Bosnia. "Slowly Karadzic and Mladic are being boxed in," said British Major Simon Haselock.

Patrols do regularly rumble down the one main road in Pale, past Dr Karadzic's offices, but even in the village they have not seen him. "They have had to work pretty hard to avoid him," commented one Western diplomat.

Karadzic 'must be arrested before election'

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

CARL BILDT, the Bosnian peace negotiator, will today tell the 58-nation review conference on former Yugoslavia that as long as indicted war criminals such as Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic remain at liberty, the chances for progress and free elections there remain slim.

"Karadzic is still poisoning the atmosphere of Bosnian Serb politics. There is a climate of fear which inhibits freedom of movement between the two parts of Bosnia, and has been deepened by a number of ugly incidents, mostly but not exclusively on the Serb side of the inter-entity boundary," Mr Bildt writes today in *The Times*.

Setting a date for the first postwar election will be the main task of the two-day follow-up conference in Florence. British officials said there was general determination to go ahead with the elections, despite reservations voiced by the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. The date likely to be set in Florence is September 14. "Much needs to be done, and it is important that we press on with it," a British diplomat said.

The conference, chaired by Italy, will also put pressure on the Bosnian factions — sitting, for the first time, as a single delegation — to sign an arms control pact. They failed to do so at Oslo yesterday after six months of negotiations.

An important boost came on the eve of the conference with Nato's announcement that it was ready to use implementation forces to prepare the elections and guard polling stations.

Carl Bildt, page 18



Gdansk shipyard workers drink mineral water during yesterday's protest strike

Strike shuts Gdansk shipyard

Warsaw: The debt-ridden Gdansk shipyard was idle yesterday as workers began a two-day sit-in to protest against the Polish Government's decision to declare the firm bankrupt (Our Correspondent writes).

Workers decorated the main gate with a cross, flowers and portraits of the Black Madonna — the religious Queen of Poland — and the Pope, reminiscent of the 1980 strikes that led to the birth of the Solidarity union and its fight against Communist rule.

Strikers carried posters and placards saying "Commies, get your hands off the shipyard", a reference to the left-wing Government of Wlodzimierz Cimoszewicz. The protest included the All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions, Solidarity and a local shipyard engineers' union.

Almost all the 7,000 employees at the shipyard, which is £214 million in debt, were idle.

Spain 'to bale out of fighter project'

Bonn: Spain was reported yesterday to have drafted plans to withdraw from the four-nation Eurofighter consortium, a move that could send the whole project into a tailspin (Roger Boyes writes).

The weekly business magazine *Wirtschaftswoche* says the new Spanish Government wants to end its co-operation with Britain, Germany and Italy because of the huge hole that Eurofighter has made in the national budget.

Spain has a 13 per cent share which translates into about 87 aircraft. The report is unclear whether Spain is to end its role after delivery of the 87, to cut the number or to abort beforehand.

Witness testifies from hospital

Rome: Karl Hass, 84, a former SS officer who was injured last weekend while trying to escape from his hotel, gave evidence from a hospital bed. He said he and Erich Priebke, a former SS member accused of war crimes, had taken part in the massacre of 335 Italians in March 1944, but they had only obeyed orders (Richard Owen writes).

Divorce suicide

Stockholm: A man taking part in his own divorce trial pulled a dynamite charge from his pocket, detonated the bomb and killed himself in the Swedish town of Eskilstuna, 60 miles west of here, it was reported. At least four people, including his woman lawyer, were injured. *(AP)*

Albanians jailed

Tirana: Three senior former Communist officials, aged 58 to 72, were found guilty of crimes against humanity when they were in office. They were sentenced to up to 17 years in jail by a Tirana court for ordering the internal exile of many dissidents and their families. *(Reuter)*

Reforms agreed

Paris: Employers and moderate trade unions agreed to a shake-up of France's social security system — expected this year to run up a Fr48.6 billion (£6 billion) deficit — sidelining two unions that oppose the move. *(Reuter)*

If at phphirst ...

Copenhagen: The mother of a Danish boy aged nine won a nine-year battle to name him Christophpher with a double "ph" when a government minister relaxed a 1982 law banning ridiculous names. *(AFP)*

Paris court orders Jackal kidnap inquiry

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AN APPEALS court in Paris has ordered an inquiry into a complaint by "Carlos the Jackal", the international guerrilla leader, that he was kidnapped by French authorities when he was seized in Sudan, justice sources said yesterday.

The court ruled that the arrest in August 1994 of Venezuelan-born Carlos, whose real name is Illich Ramirez Sánchez, took place "outside any legal framework and without an international warrant or an extradition convention" with Sudan.

He was spirited to France after his arrest and is serving a life sentence for shooting dead two French secret service agents in 1975. On landing in France, he was handed a national arrest warrant.

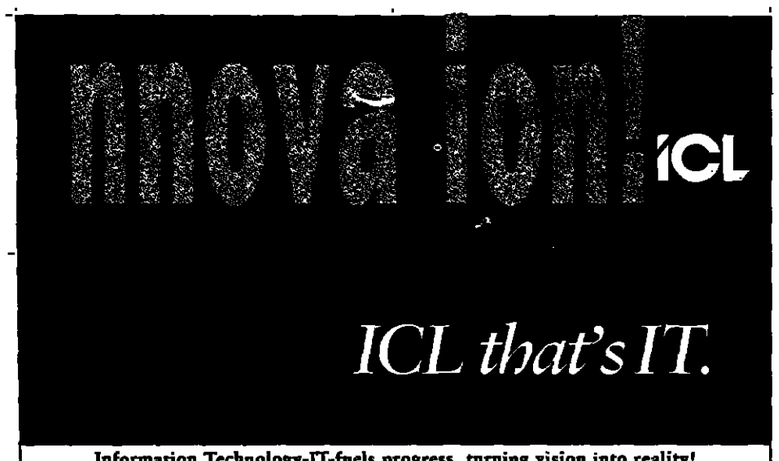
The sources quoted the court as saying that a Paris tribunal should investigate the complaint over "events which may have been committed by French nationals, aboard a French plane and on French territory". Carlos has repeatedly stated that two agents of the French DST secret services were present when he was seized in Sudan and were on the plane which took him to France.

Carlos, accused by the French Interior Ministry of killing 83 people in a series of attacks, mostly in Europe and the Middle East, is under investigation for four other bombings in France in the 1980s. In 1973 he led the kidnapping of 11 Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' oil ministers from a conference in Vienna.

Carlos had long been sought by British authorities, too. At the time of the Paris killings, weapons were found at his homes in both countries. Police in London who searched his flat found a list of 500 prominent Jewish businessmen and other leaders.



The Jackal: arrest was "outside legal framework"



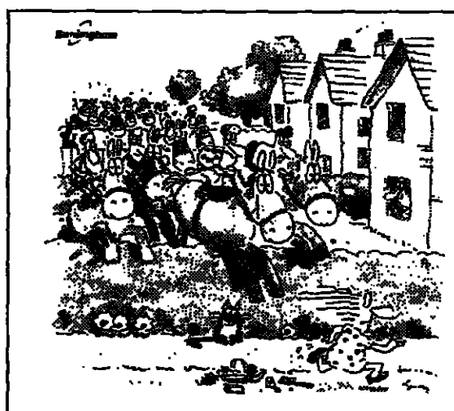
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Clarke upbeat over economic prospects

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, last night predicted that unemployment would fall to below the politically sensitive two million next year in an upbeat assessment of British economic prospects.

Speaking at the annual Mansion House dinner in the City, the Chancellor said that all the indications are that the economy will strengthen further through the rest of this year and next and that unemployment will go on falling. His comments coincided with the latest figures showing another fall in headline unemployment.

He said that the British economic outlook is one "many of our continental competitors would give their eye teeth for" and the broadly positive picture was far more important than the current debate about whether growth will live up to his 3 per cent forecast in the Budget last year.

He noted that nearly all independent forecasts are for average growth in the economy this year of between 2 and 3 per cent and said that excitement about where, precisely, in this range his summer forecast on July 9 will fall, is misplaced. "I think it is an indication of the stability and success of the UK economy over recent years that the debate about our prospects is so very narrow," he said.

The Chancellor's comments were endorsed virtually word for word by Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, also speaking at the Mansion House last night. "By any standard, it is a narrow debate," he said. "Most forecasters would expect both annual growth and inflation to be within a range of some 2 and 3 per cent over the next two years." Mr George was upbeat about the British economy. He said that it had embarked upon its fifth successive year of relatively steady growth at a rate above that of most Group of Seven (G7) countries. He expressed confidence that this could be sustained as well as a hugely improved record on inflation.

Mr George gave no hint of disapproval of last week's quarter-point cut in base rates to 5.75 per cent, although he underlined the dangers of simply reacting to current and therefore inherently backward-looking economic figures as a "recipe for too little, too late."

He said the current doldrums in manufacturing industry would prove temporary but acknowledged, as the Bank argued a month ago in its *Inflation Report*, that there is a risk that short-term economic activity could be depressed as companies try to shed excess stocks.

The Chancellor expressed pleasure in this week's news of further falls in industry's costs and prices, which were seen by the City as vindication of his decision to cut rates last week. "I was pleased by them. I was a bit relieved by them," Mr Clarke said. "These are some of the best figures for 10 years. We are winning the battle against inflation and we must now become an economy of permanently low inflation."

A rare dissenting voice amid the Mansion House optimism came from Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor. He noted that Mr Clarke had been forced to admit that his forecast for public borrowing had been too optimistic and, now, that his growth forecast was also too high.

There was also healthy scepticism about the Chancellor's unemployment prediction given fears that manufacturing industry will lay off workers at a greater rate as they struggle to offload huge stockpiles.

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Kenneth Clarke at the Treasury yesterday before making his Mansion House speech

Unemployment at five-year low but number in work declines

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT in Britain has fallen to a five-year low, government figures showed yesterday. But official statistics also revealed that the number of people in work suffered its sharpest decline since the end of the recession.

Ministers and officials were largely unable to explain the simultaneous falls, although both said that the job figures were erratic and did not yet signify a trend. But the Labour Party suggested that the fall in jobs meant that the rate of decline in unemployment was unlikely to continue.

The Government's latest workforce in employment (WiE) figures, which are a three-monthly survey of employers' job numbers, showed a fall of 74,000 in the first quarter of this year, to 25.7 million.

The fall is the largest since December 1992, when employment declined by 94,000 just before the recession of the early 1990s ended and unemployment started to drop.

Since then, employment has fallen in only two quarters, and then only by small amounts of 2,000 and 4,000.

The overall drop in the three months to March disguises several significant components. Women's employment rose by 11,000, while male employment fell by 85,000.

The number of employees in work fell by 27,000, while self-employment saw a fall of a similar amount — though proportionately a much bigger slice. Other elements included a fall in Armed Forces numbers and in people on government training schemes.

Separate figures showed a decline of 18,000 jobs in manufacturing alone in April.

Eric Forth, the Employment and Education Minister, said that over the past year, employment had grown, although the "more erratic" WiE series had shown a fall.

But welcoming the drop in unemployment, he said: "In a dynamic and fast-moving country like Britain, people can expect to change their jobs as the economy grows. Few people are between jobs for very long."

Michael Meacher, Labour's employment spokesman, said: "It is now highly unlikely that unemployment will continue to fall at its present rate for very much longer."

John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, said that the fall in employment blighted the decline in unemployment.

Seasonally adjusted claimant unemployment fell by 14,800 in May to 2,167,600 — the lowest level since April 1991. At 7.7 per cent, the unemployment rate was also the lowest since then.

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☐ More than 1,500 new jobs are to be created in Northern Ireland with an investment of more than £100 million by FG Wilson (Engineering), a local American-owned company. Baroness Denton, Under Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, said the company would invest £113 million, creating 1,533 jobs over the next five years. The jobs will be spread between Wilson's existing plant at Larne, Co Antrim, a new facility at Monkstown, Co Antrim, and a new 400-worker factory in west Belfast's Springvale industrial estate. Wilson's was acquired in 1994 by Emerson Electric.

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Down the tunnel

BAA has lost £12.5 million in revenue to Eurostar, the Channel Tunnel passenger rail service. The airports group has seen some 1.5 million passengers abandon planes for the train and expects another 750,000 to follow. **Page 27**

Land float

One of Britain's largest agricultural landlords is to join the stock market. Lands Improvement Holdings owns 27,000 acres of rural property worth £56 million. About 21,000 acres is let to hundreds of tenant farmers. **Page 30**

Charge of £285m at W H Smith

BY SARAH BAGNALL

WH SMITH is axing 400 jobs and cutting swathes through its product range as part of a £140 million restructuring of the retail group aimed at restoring its flagging fortunes. Goodwill written off will amount to a further £145 million.

The actions are part of a strategic review, instigated by Bill Cockburn on his arrival as chief executive in January.

The review also resulted in the decision to accelerate the expansion of its successful Waterstone's and Virgin Megastore chains.

Mr Cockburn said the actions are part of "a four-year agenda to build the WH Smith Group into a world-class retailer".

WH Smith is axing 109 head office jobs and vacating the group's Sloane Square head office. A further 300 jobs are being cut at the retail chain's Swindon headquarters. The job losses will result in annual cost savings of £8 million.

Mr Cockburn plans to cut the retail chain's product range by 29 per cent from 49,000 to 35,000, freeing space that can be made to work harder.

The retail group plans to open 80 new Virgin Megastores over the next three years, lifting the total to 130, but these will be partly offset by the closure of 70 Our Price stores. The 100-strong Waterstone's chain is set to expand by 26 outlets.

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Granada eyes hotel potential after Forte bid fees hit £100m

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

GRANADA GROUP yesterday disclosed that its bid for Forte had cost it £100 million in fees, but insisted that the group was on target to squeeze an extra £100 million in profits from the hotel company.

Granada said that there was strong interest in the Exclusive chain of five-star hotels, acquired during the Forte bid, and that it had entered 80 confidentiality agreements with prospective buyers. A sale of the 17-strong chain, including prize hotels such as the Grosvenor House, London, and the George V, Paris, is unlikely until later in the year.

The leisure group recorded a 19 per cent rise in half-year profit, to £183 million, in its first set of results since the £3.9 billion acquisition of Forte in January. The figure beat City expectations and helped the share price to rise 16p, to 831p.

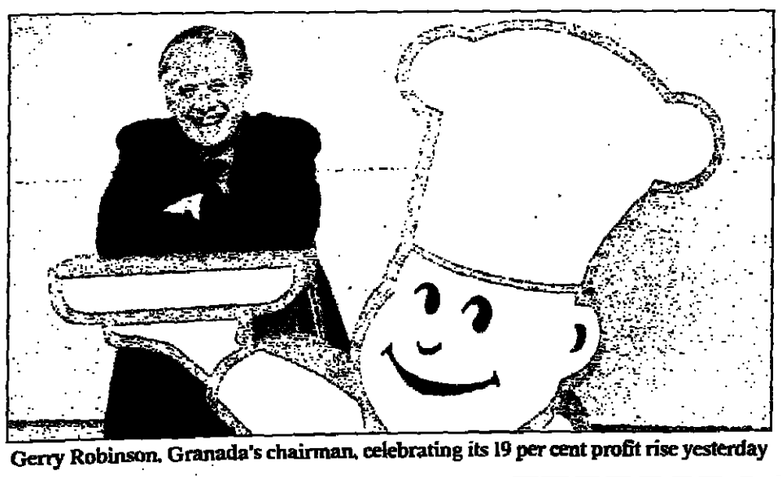
Granada confirmed that it had rejected a £970 million bid by Sir Rocco Forte for a selection of Meridien and Exclusive hotels because it thought the price 50 per cent too low. Sir Rocco said yesterday that he was still intent on returning to the hotel trade, probably in the four-star and five-star market abroad, and had the necessary financing in place.

Granada has put the Welcome Break motorway service stations and its stakes in the Savoy Hotel and Alpha up for sale to help to cover the cost of buying Forte. The company said that it expected to find a buyer for the Alpha stake shortly, but sales of the Savoy stake and the Welcome Break chain were not imminent.

The company also confirmed that it will not sell the Meridien hotels, which will now be developed as an international branded chain of managed hotels. Granada has also decided not to sell the Forte company jet, which it had labelled a Forte luxury during the takeover battle.

The dividend rises by 10 per cent, to 4.235p, due on July 31.

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Gerry Robinson, Granada's chairman, celebrating its 19 per cent profit rise yesterday

Shake-up costs Sainsbury £1.4m

BY SARAH BAGNALL

J SAINSBURY has paid nearly £1.4 million in compensation to two former directors who left the supermarket group months before it announced its first fall in profits in 22 years as a quoted company.

David Quarmby, a former joint managing director who retired in April, received £892,000 for loss of office and retains share options worth £280,000 at yesterday's closing share price of 399p. In total he holds 396,157 share options with an average exercise price of 357p.

According to the food retailer's annual accounts, Ivor Hunt, the former marketing director who left in March, was paid £496,000 in compensation for loss of office. Of this, £225,000 was in lieu of pension. Mr Hunt also retains 112,680 share options.

Mr Quarmby's departure followed a boardroom restructuring that saw David Sainsbury split the chairman and chief executive roles. Tom Vyner, also joint managing director, became chief executive of the group's supermarket business. At the same time the company said Dino Adriano, chairman of Homebase and the US operations, would take over from Mr Vyner within two years. Mr Quarmby was offered the post of managing director of group services, a role he is said to have considered inferior to his previous position. Mr Hunt has been replaced by Kevin McCarten, formerly at Kingfisher.

The group is also planning to introduce a long-term incentive scheme whereby directors will receive bonuses in the form of a mixture of shares and cash.

The fall in profits last year from £809 million to £712 million meant no director received a performance-related bonus. David Sainsbury's total remuneration fell from £389,000 to £359,000.

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THE MANSION HOUSE SPEECHES

Clarke eye on goal of economic prosperity

KENNETH CLARKE, in his annual Mansion House address yesterday, said that the UK faced some of the most favourable economic circumstances he could remember.

The Chancellor said: "We have enjoyed a stronger recovery than any other major European country. All the *indications are that the economy* will strengthen further this year and next. Next year should see unemployment fall *below 2 million.*

"We are enjoying the longest period of sustained low inflation for nearly 50 years. This good inflation performance has enabled mortgage rates to come down to their lowest *level for 30 years. Public sector* borrowing is on a downward trend and I am determined to keep it that way — bringing the Budget back towards balance over the medium-term."

Mr Clarke went on: "At the time of last year's Budget I forecast that the economy would grow by 3 per cent this year. That was close to the *consensus at the time. Since* then growth on the Continent has been disappointing and many forecasters have revised down their growth forecasts for Europe, including for the UK. However, nearly all fore*casts for average growth in the* UK economy this year remain between 2 and 3 per cent."

He said that there was currently excitement in some circles about precisely where in this relatively narrow field he would set out his stall when the new forecast was published on July 9. "While some commentators are busy downgrading their forecasts for the UK economy, others are speculating that I am secretly engineering a one-year growth wonder, a 'pre-election' boom *to restore that 'feel-good'* factor.

"This misses the point completely," Mr Clarke said. "I could not single-handedly engineer a 'rags-to-riches' economic story within a year even if I wanted to."

Mr Clarke said that at the moment Euro 96 was dominating the headlines — the *first big international tourna*ment to be played in the UK in 30 years. "To paraphrase Harold Wilson, 30 years is a long time in politics, economics and football," he said. "Then, only *months after an election vic*tory, he desperately hoped an England win would restore the 'feel-good' factor, and distract the British people from *mounting economic gloom.*

"I watched England beat Germany at Wembley in 1966 — I was there. I had just been a losing candidate in a general election, defeated by the joyous hopes of Wilson and the *National Plan. You could get* more than 11 marks to the pound in July 1966. During the tournament the Wilson Government put up the bank rate from 6 per cent to 7 per cent. We had the July mea*sures, including a wages and* prices standstill, a £50 limit on foreign currency for travellers, and a £100 million reduction in overseas expenditure. England won the cup. The economy was less successful."

The Chancellor closed by saying: "I hope England win Euro 96. But in the improbable event that they don't win, I *am confident that this time* Britain's economic success will be our consolation."



Eddie George said Britain was well on course for economic good health

Lloyd's close to final resolution of problems

DAVID ROWLAND, the chairman of Lloyd's, in his speech said that three-and-a-half years ago there was justifiable anger at many aspects of Lloyd's performance, losses were huge, unlimited personal liability was seen to be grim reality.

He said: "Perhaps it was not unreasonable to question whether we would exhaust our reserves, have to cease trading and to sink into the pit that has swallowed so many examples of British endeavour and enterprise.

"But I dearly wish, Lord Mayor, that you had invited us to dinner four months hence, because then I could be telling you of the successful end of this traumatic episode.

"We are just within sight of the final resolution of our problems. Excellent profits, have been restored, a complex reconstruction offer proposed, and within the next few weeks the members will determine whether they accept or reject it.

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"Good clients have told me why they owe Lloyd's a debt: because when no one else would, a Lloyd's underwriter offered protection."

Corporation prepares for next century

ALDERMAN John Chalstrey, the Lord Mayor of London, told the gathering that his predecessor saw the Corporation of London as host to one of the world's great financial communities.

To maintain this present competitive position, the Corporation has now commissioned new studies to build on the success of the City Research Project, which created a better understanding of the realities that underpinned the City and made it work, he said.

These new projects will help the City to move forward to the next century and will cover such subjects as future City employment patterns, and the role of higher education institutions in the maintenance of London as a world-class city, Alderman Chalstrey said.

"I am glad to say that it has also decided to be a corporate backer of the millennium festival and, at the same time, will act as a focal point for those who are participating in the financial services pavilion," Alderman Chalstrey added.

Inflation target in sight, says Governor

"THERE is no doubt that inflationary pressures in both the goods and services markets and the labour market are currently subdued," Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said. "Underlying retail prices in particular rose by just over 2¾ per cent over the past year and we expect this to fall into the target range of 2½ per cent or less in the period ahead.

"Overall GDP growth has slowed to a current rate of about 2 per cent a year — a little below capacity growth on most estimates — held back by flat manufacturing — itself reflecting weakening demand *from continental Europe and* an element of stock adjustment. These influences are likely to be temporary. Even so, there is a possibility that the stock adjustment in particular may accelerate, representing a down-side risk to activity in the short-term. There is, on the other hand, accumulating evidence of *strengthening final domestic* demand — particularly from the household sector — which will lead to faster growth of overall activity, and which could come to represent an upside risk to the inflation target, further ahead.

"The real news, of course, is in our economic performance. Average annual retail price inflation has fallen from around 12¾ per cent in the 1970s to 7 per cent in the 1980s to 4½ per cent so far in the 1990s and to 2¾ per cent over the past four years. That is still not yet quite down to either *our target rate or to the rate of* inflation in most other G7 countries, but it is a huge improvement and one that I am confident we can sustain. At the same time, we are embarked upon our fifth successive year of relatively steady growth — at a rate above that of most of our G7 partners — and that too I am confident we can sustain.

"I recognise that it will take years of this kind of performance before people are really persuaded that stability is here to stay. But we are nevertheless well on course for bringing economic and financial good health to the nation and to the City of London."

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Limit expects greater exposure to Lloyd's

LONDON Insurance Market Investment Trust (Limit), one of the founder investment trusts to specialise in the Lloyd's of London insurance market, is lifting the total dividend to 3.4p a share from 2.75p, with a 2.3p final, due to be paid on August 27. In the year to March 31, pre-tax *profits rose to £13 million* from £10.8 million. Limit shares rose 2½p to 129½p yesterday.

Limit's £326 million portfolio is 90 per cent invested in companies that make up the FT-SE 350 index. Other Limit investments are in fixed-interest securities (6.3 per cent) and direct investment in Lloyd's (3.7 per cent). Michael Carpenter, managing director of Limit, said that the trust's direct exposure to Lloyd's could increase as the corporate market develops and that investment in managing agents who launched their own "Lloyd's integrated vehicles", would be the most likely means of raising that direct exposure.

Mansfield brews £18m

MANSFIELD BREWERY says that a new contract with Scottish Courage will ensure that it is brewing at full capacity by the end of the year. Mansfield has spent £2 million on improving its brewing facilities, increasing beer volumes by a total of 4.2 per cent last year, helped by a 7 per cent rise in on-sales and a 45 per cent rise in exports. Full-year profits rose by *5.8 per cent, to £18.4 million. Overall turnover* grew by 9.7 per cent, to £147 million. The total dividend rises by 13.5 per cent, to 5.9p, with a 4.2p final payout due on August 14.

Hardy sale erases debt

HARDY Oil & Gas, the exploration group, pared losses to £5.96 million, from £27.2 million, and reported a production boost of 7 per cent. The group has largely eliminated debt (£107.1 million at March 31) after selling its US operations for £118 million. *Hardy's interests now focus on the North Sea, Bayu in the* Timor Sea and the Miano field, Pakistan. The company will look at deals in the North Sea or Asia, using some of the cash from its US sale to finance new explorations. The dividend is held at 1p in spite of losses of 5.8p a share (24.6p).

Celltech sells division

CELLTECH, the biotechnology company, is selling its antibody manufacturing business for about £50 million. *Alusuisse-Lonza of Switzerland will pay an initial £31.5* million for 75.1 per cent of Celltech Biologics, buying the remainder for £10.5 million in the second half of next year. Celltech also expects to receive another £8 million by the end of 1999 based on the sales that Biologics achieves. Celltech plans to invest the money that it will raise from the sale in drug development. Tempus, page 28

Whatever happened to the paper-free office ?

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.61	16.11
Belgium Fr	51.58	47.28
Canada $	2.207	2.047
Cyprus Cyp£	0.761	0.706
Denmark Kr	9.68	8.89
Finland Mkk	7.78	7.13
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	388	363
Hong Kong $	12.55	11.55
Ireland Pt	1.03	0.95
Israel Shk	5.41	4.76
Italy Lire	2492	2337
Japan Yen	182.40	166.40
Malta	0.597	0.542
Netherlds Gld	2.797	2.567
New Zealand $	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	10.64	9.84
Portugal Esc	254.50	236.00
S Africa Rd	7.25	6.45
Spain Pta	206.00	193.00
Sweden Kr	10.84	10.14
Switzerland Fr	2.08	1.90
Turkey Lira	124414	116414
USA $	1.538	1.506

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Some important figures from BAA


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Terry Sims


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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1996

Revenue £1,253m up 8.1%
Operating profit £443m up 11.6%
Pre-tax profit £418m up 14.2%
Earnings per share 30.5p up 12.1%
Total dividend 11.25p up 11.1%
Passenger numbers 93.6m up 6.7%

Preliminary Results 1996

Last year, BAA achieved yet another record set of financial results.

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☐ Mixing electricity, water and gas ☐ Cutbacks at WH Smith ☐ Employment figures explained

ScottishPower: utility or futility

☐ A CROSS-BORDER match will be played on Saturday when England faces Scotland in Euro 96. Before that fresh salvoes will be fired across the border between ScottishPower and Southern Electric as the battle for Southern Water hots up. Southern Electric's much awaited offer document will be with us by the end of the week, delivering a customer package missing in the original outline.

Southern will take heed of the regulators' consultation document, which heavily praised the offer by ScottishPower to deliver a 3 per cent cut in water bills in 1998. ScottishPower, prudent by nature but hell-bent on a multi-utility crusade, is likely to come back with an increased offer in the region of £1.66 billion, against Southern Electric's £1.6 billion. It has lobbied hard to convince shareholders of its quest.

The vision is more striking than the numbers. ScottishPower is staking fairly heavy odds on the development of competition in household electricity and gas. When the glorious day arrives, in April 1998, ScottishPower expects to be a household name signing up customers for a bumper package of essential services.

With its base in central and southern Scotland, one in northwest England courtesy of the Manweb bid, and a projected one in southern England, the ScottishPower edition of the UK map is beginning to resemble the board game Risk. Ian Robinson, chief executive, is moving his armies into strategic slots and with a few more shakes of the dice he could have the far stronghold of Kamchatka. But is the game that clear cut?

The power market in 1998 is blue sky at present. Estimates from the regulators of those likely to switch supply are fairly conservative. Regulators are the people in whose career interest it is to talk up the customers' keeness for competition. More will switch in gas, where the opportunity to undercut British Gas is high. However, rival companies will engage in fierce pricing that will leave only modest margins. And in electricity, where margins are already supermodel thin, the regulator has predicted an initial transfer of customers of only 5 per cent.

Is the multi-utility argument credible against these odds? It is by no means more likely that households will buy electricity and gas from one supplier than they will be lured by the sharp marketing and proven price competitiveness of new arrivals.

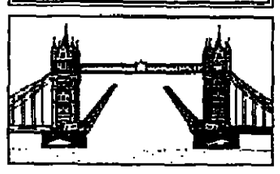
The multi-utility crusade makes more sense on a local level, where the cost savings are more obvious and can be tested. Banking on the fruits of 1998 on a nationwide level is far more of a gamble and far more long term. Whether the City is prepared to share the faith of ScottishPower and take an out-of-character jump out of short-term preoccupations is uncertain. The path to market is an important one, but the premiums being considered for that entry may not stretch much further and make financial sense.

Striking difference

☐ BILL COCKBURN looked at WH Smith's inefficiencies, outmoded attitudes and working methods and proclaimed: "They must go." And so they will now.

Not six months ago, Mr Cockburn was head honcho at the Post Office, another business struggling to enter the 21st century. But while yesterday Mr

PENNINGTON



Cockburn unveiled his cost-busting, sales-restoring strategy for the retail group to the sound of 400 P45 forms being handed out, his successor at the Post Office was trying to avert a national strike.

In the five months that he has been at WH Smith, Mr Cockburn has solved two major problems. He has rid the group of Do It All and the business supplies division. The remaining problem — restoring profits at the retail chain — will take longer to resolve. But without radical change, the chain will become a dinosaur the high street.

WH Smith's pre-eminence in newspapers and magazines is under threat from the onslaught of the mighty supermarkets, while customers are increasingly likely to shop elsewhere for books and music.

The group has always boasted about the broadness of its range, but there seems little point in stocking a pen that writes under water if no one wants to buy one. Of the 700-plus pens WH Smith stocks, 39 per cent of the range accounts for 95 per cent of the profit contribution. This is good in comparison to the other ranges. Only 23 per cent of the card range and 27 per cent of the stationery range contribute 95 per cent of each category's profits. Mr Cockburn is now making a swingeing 29 per cent cut to the product range.

The supply chain is also under attack — and with good reason. A staggering 555 suppliers provide less than £1,000 worth of sales each, while on a category basis only 10 per cent of book suppliers account for 95 per cent of sales. The percentage ranges up through music, 13 per cent, to stationery, 27 per cent.

Cutting costs is only part of the equation, however, as with an average spend of about £4.50 there is a dire need to drive forward sales. Mr Cockburn hopes that new management, greater focus, and a plethora of other plans will help to achieve this aim. Only time will tell, but Mr Cockburn must be relishing his freedom to manoeuvre.

Just the job for difficult figures

☐ WHITEHALL officials were largely at a loss yesterday to explain the difficult conundrum of the biggest fall in employment since 1992 coming as unemployment reached its lowest level for five years.

Such problems make more difficult a little noticed but worthy move by the Government in seeking to explain and interpret the blitz of labour market figures that is now published every month.

Any set of official figures has three basic forms of presentation: the figures themselves, put forward by the statisticians; what the figures mean, which policy civil servants suggest; finally, what the political spin on them is, which is left to ministers.

Since the scrapping of the Department of Employment last year, the Government has been missing a trick by doing only the first and third of these on its labour market figures: straight numbers from the Office for National Statistics, and ministerial comment from Gillian Shephard's employment and education team.

City scribblers and others attempt to fill the gap, though the ludicrous inaccuracy of their so-called forecasts of unemployment changes each month renders almost anything else they say about job numbers almost worthless.

Quietly, the Department for Education and Employment is starting to put forward its own, non-political, economists' interpretation of the figures. Although its analysis yesterday offered no solution to the jobs and drop in unemployment point, it at least tried to wrestle with it.

Now in its second month, the DFEE's analysis is short, tentative and nervous looking. But it is likely to improve in what it can and will say as it beds in. It is, of course, open to argument and disagreement from others. But, however cautiously, it gives at least a glimpse of Whitehall thinking on jobs on a regular basis, and it deserves to be welcomed for that.

British Land builds up to £62m

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH LAND shares rose 12p to 419p yesterday after the company reported a 26 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £62.1 million, higher than forecasts. The property group, which in January completed the takeover of the Broadgate office complex in the City, increased net assets per share from 417p to 426p.

British Land's portfolio was valued at £4.4 billion at the end of March, up 1.9 per cent in the value. The strongest performance came from retail warehouses, up more than 20 per cent, with supermarkets up 4.6 per cent and leisure properties up 3.4 per cent. City offices — including the Broadgate and Ludgate buildings — account for 40 per cent of the group, but were the weakest performers, rising 2.6 per cent.

John Ritblat, chairman, said there was a limit to how much more the company would buy in the City. Preferred investments would be in distribution, retail and leisure property. During the year, the company took a half share in a £200 million investment in 306 pubs, with Scottish & Newcastle.

Mr Ritblat said: "This is a good time to be in bread and butter residential." British Land is on the shortlist of bidders for the Ministry of Defence married quarters and is also seeking residential planning permission for Lambeth Bridge House, on the opposite side of the Thames to Parliament.

Revenue profits, excluding disposals, grew 12 per cent to £65 million after an increase in gross rents of 25 per cent to £239 million. British Land is raising the final dividend 5 per cent to 5.77p, making 8.55p(8.12p).

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ADRIAN SHERRATT



Alan Peterson, left, chief operating officer of Meyer International, with John Dobby, the chief executive

Meyer suffers sharp decline in profits

BY SARAH BAGNALL

MEYER International, owner of Jewson, the builders' merchant chain, yesterday reported a sharp fall in pre-tax profits, from £51.6 million to £1.1 million, in the year to March 31.

The decline, which partly reflected a net exceptional charge of £37.3 million, came as the company gave a warning that the benefits of restructuring Jewson would take longer to materialise than originally expected.

Harry Langman, the chairman, said that the group, where John Dobby is chief executive, made significant progress during the year, but that trading conditions in the short term remained unhelpful. The shares, which have been buoyed in recent months by bid speculation, eased 4p, to 411p, as analysts trimmed their forecasts for the current year.

Excluding Jewson's £12.4 million share of the exceptional charges, the chain lifted operating profits from £23.2 million to £24.9 million on sales down from £466.4 million to £434.9 million.

The final dividend was held at 7.3p, making an unchanged total of 11.5p for the year. The dividend, due on September 2, is payable out of underlying earnings of 11.6p a share, down from 29.9p last time.

Monsoon heads to stock market

MONSOON, the women's wear and accessories retailer, is planning a flotation this summer that will value the group at about £250 million (Sarah Bagnall writes).

Peter Simon, founder and 30 per cent shareholder, will become a paper millionaire with a holding worth more than £80 million. Mr Simon, who set up Monsoon in 1972, when he was 22, intends to retain his entire holding.

The rest of the management team holds 3 per cent, while the balance of 67 per cent is in the hands of an overseas investment trust, which wants to reduce its holding.

The group lifted pre-tax profits to £12.9 million (£8.2 million) in the year to May 27.

Defections to rail cost BAA £12.5m

BY CARL MORTISHED

BAA has lost £12.5 million in revenue to Eurostar, the Channel Tunnel passenger rail service. The airports group has seen some 1.5 million passengers abandon planes for the train and expects another 0.75 million to follow.

The loss of passengers held back growth in European scheduled traffic last year but BAA reckons the Channel Tunnel effect has peaked and been less than expected. According to Russell Walls, finance director of BAA, Eurostar is attracting far less than the 75 per cent of Paris traffic predicted by its promoters. "In fact, the figure so far is now around 30 per cent and we do not expect it to top 40 per cent," he said.

Traffic through BAA's airports rose 6.7 per cent during the year to March 31, generating an 8 per cent rise in revenue, and pre-tax profits of £418 million, up 14 per cent on the previous year.

Heathrow and Gatwick saw a 5 per cent and 8 per cent increase in passengers, respectively, while four million passengers are now using Stansted, up 22 per cent on last year. However, BAA is forecasting slower traffic growth overall, of 4 to 5 per cent.

Sir John Egan, chief executive, said that BAA would continue to pursue its policy of building a worldwide duty-free business and would consider both joint ventures and acquisitions. Commenting on the company's defeat in a bidding war with Swissair for Allders International, he said: "We found it easy to say yes to £130 million for Allders, and easy to say no at £160 million."



Egan: dismisses breakup

Sir John dismissed as "the old chestnut" a recent suggestion by the House of Commons Transport Committee that ownership of the south-east airports should be split up. Referring to the current regulatory review of landing charges by the MMC and Civil Aviation Authority, Sir John said that BAA needed to continue its £400 million per year capital expenditure programme, which includes the proposed £1.5 billion fifth terminal at Heathrow.

BAA is considering alternative financing techniques to minimise the capital cost of the new terminal.

Retail revenues of £556 million now account for 44 per cent of total revenues for the airports group. BAA is paying a total dividend of 11.25p per share, up 11 per cent after a 12 per cent rise in earnings to 30.5p per share.

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Scheme for the administration of the Charity
Reference: JCE/13918/CD(T)
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be seen for the next month at Harbottle Associates, No. 2, Kentish Buildings, 125 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1NP or a copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the Charity Commissioners, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL, quoting the reference above.

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FENHURST MANAGEMENT LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th June 1996 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IF FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 7th day of June 1996
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R.M. CALLETLY DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
HASKER SYSTEMS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by members and creditors on 31st May 1996.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

QOOD LUCK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at Price Waterhouse, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB on Friday 14 June 1996, at 10.15 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection at the offices of Price Waterhouse at Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB on 12 and 13 June 1996.
Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse, Thames Court, 1 Victoria Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 1HB by 12 noon on 13 June 1996 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address.
By order of the Board
K Lavanchy, Secretary
Note
Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wishes to attend or be represented at it should ring Louise Lee on 01753 760000 to obtain the necessary forms.

TAKE NOTICE that Robert Michael Toy wishes to ascertain the whereabouts of his wife Mrs Melanie Jayne Toy, last of 48 Bathurst Walk, Richings Park, Iver, Buckinghamshire in connection with his proposed wish to commence proceedings for the dissolution of their marriage. Would any person having knowledge of Mrs Toy's present or last known address please contact Mr W.D. Robbins, Birchall Blackburn Solicitors, 1st Floor, Crystal House, Birley Street, Preston. Ref: DR.BS.28619.1.1.

The Insolvency Act 1986
A.W. WINDSOR LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 29th May 1996
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

CHAMBON MARINE AND DIVING CORPORATION LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DAVID ALAN ROLPH of Moore Stephens Booth White of 1 Snow Hill, London EC1A 2EN was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 31st May 1996.
Creditors are required on or before 22nd July 1996 to send their names and addresses and particulars of their debts to the liquidators, and, if so required by notice in writing from the liquidators, are to come in and prove their debts or in default therefore they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 10th day of June 1996
DAVID A ROLPH, (Liquidator)
N.B. This notice is purely formal. All known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF STAFFS PACKAGING LIMITED (IN MEMBERS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
Company number: 1067888
On 24 May 1996 the above company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Richard James Rees of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.
The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182a of the Insolvency Act 1986 that the creditors of the companies must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at Price Waterhouse, Victoria House, 76 Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3QY by 15 July 1996 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.
The Company is able to pay all their known creditors in full.
7 June 1996
R J Rees, Liquidator

The James Stewart Partnership Ltd
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE is hereby given that we, Ladaiav Hornan and Frank Stansil of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above-named company on 31st May 1996 by National Westminster Bank plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 5th December 1994 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company
6th June 1996
Ladislav Hornan, Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
No. 002974 of 1996
IN THE MATTER OF NESTE HOLDINGS (U.K.) LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28th May 1996 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £150,000,000 divided into 150,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each to £94,787,244 divided into 94,787,244 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on 3rd July 1996.
ANY CREDITOR or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for confirmation of the said reduction should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A COPY of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 13th day of June 1996
NORTON ROSE, Kempson House, PO Box 570, Camomile Street, London EC3A 7AN. (Ref: JLM/65/21006581)
Solicitors for the Company

STOCK MARKET — MICHAEL CLARK



Orange first into top 100 without making a profit

ORANGE, the mobile telecoms business, scored an historic first yesterday when it became the first company to join the elite FT-SE 100 list of Britain's biggest companies without ever having made a profit.

Orange, up 3p at 249½p, was joined in celebration by **United News & Media**, up 9p at 706p and **Next**, 1p easier at 556p, after the quarterly reshuffle of Footsie constituents. They are now certain to attract institutional support in the form of the tracker funds that plot constituent companies.

But there are likely to be tears for **Rexam**, 1p easier at 340p, **Greenalls**, 1½p lighter at 571½p, and **Foreign & Colonial Investment Trust**, unchanged at 154p.

The constituents are chosen according to stock market capitalisation. Orange, which has never earned a profit and which made its stock market debut a few months ago, is considerably bigger than many of the companies already in the top 100. United News & Media benefited from its merger with MAI.

There were several other contenders, including **Lucas Industries**, which is proceeding with a £3.2 billion merger with Varity Corporation in the US. It eased 3p to 230p yesterday on reports of a second Pentagon inquiry into its US defence arm. **Railtrack**, 1p firmer at 216p, was also thought to be a likely contender but has failed to live up to expectations.

The rest of the equity market continued to shadow Wall Street's movements, ending the day on a high note following another firm start to trading by the Dow Jones industrial average. The FT-SE 100 index rose 13.5 points to close at 3,769.2, although turnover stayed on the low side, with 730 million shares traded.

Revived institutional buying lifted **TI Group** 13p to 541p. This follows a presentation given to fund managers at the Savoy Hotel, London on Tuesday for clients of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. The company was positive about prospects and upbeat about management capabilities.

A strong buy note from Kleinwort Benson, the broker, put some pep back in shares in the **National Grid**, which was privatised last December at 208p. The price rose 6p to 175p as Kleinwort told clients that market fears about various problems, ranging from transmission to the pricing review, had been overdone and that it was wrong to assume that the same fate awaits over pricing as befell British Gas's TransCo division.



W H Smith shares held steady on news of a major shake-up

The pharmaceutical companies were again in demand. **Zeneca** was chased higher, to a rise of 12p to £13.98, after £14.15, on revived talk of a bid from **Glaxo Wellcome**, 20½p stronger at 857½p.

Some encouraging words on the sector from Steve Plag at BZW also cheered sentiment. **British Biotechnology** rose 17p to £27.85, **Chiroscience** 17p to 450p, and **Scotia Holdings** 12p to 750p.

A plunge in profits last year and a warning about prospects in the first half of the current year left **Meyer International**, the building products group, 4p lower at 411p.

Granada Group climbed 13p to 828p after giving a rundown of prospects. Gerry Robinson, chief executive, indicated that Granada could double profits at the Meridien chain of hotels it acquired along with Forte for £3.9 billion earlier this year. He expects all disposals, including the Exclusive hotel chain, to be completed by September next year, reducing debt to less than 100 per cent of shareholders' funds. The details emerged as the group unveiled half-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £154.4 million to £183.3 million, accompanied by an increase in the payout.

Full-year figures from **BAA**, the independent airport operator, were at the top of the range. But with the findings of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission due to be published next month, the share price ended the session 8p lower at 478p.

W H Smith held steady at 484p after announcing plans to shed 400 jobs and hefty restructuring that was likely to cost £285 million. The move follows hard on the heels of its withdrawal from the Do It All joint venture with Boots.

Full-year figures from **British Land** confounded the City. Not only did the group manage to hoist pre-tax profits from £49 million to £62 million, but it also raised the net asset value by 2.2 per cent to 424p a share. Its property portfolio has grown by nearly a third to £4.4 billion. The shares rose 14p to 420p.

Celltech responded with a rise of 37p to 645p to the news that it is to sell its Biologics subsidiary to Alusuisse-Lonza for £42 million. An earn-out based on future turnover could fetch a further £8 million.

Plans to raise almost £26 million by way of a placing of new shares at 650p lifted **Cantab Pharmaceuticals** 5p to 685p.

Expro International, the oil services group, rose 6p to 321p after brokers reported a put through in a line of 2.5 million shares at 315p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** The London market made a cautious start, unable to extend Tuesday's gains. Prices eventually closed above their lows for the day, helped by US treasury bonds, which had taken the latest rise in consumer prices in its stride. Turnover generally remained low, with investors anxious to study last night's Mansion House speech by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt future finished a couple of ticks easier at £105³²/₃₂ in thin trading.

Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 lost five ticks at £96¹¹/₁₆, while in shorts Treasury 7 per cent 2001 also shed five ticks at £97¹¹/₁₆.

□ **NEW YORK:** Lingering fears over the threat of inflation restrained US bonds and while shares were firm they lacked direction. By midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was 26.60 points higher at 5,695.26.

A buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, lifted Tomkins, the guns-to-buns group, 6p to 254p. Laing says the £900 million acquisition of Gates will enable Tomkins to regain the rating it held before the acquisition of Ranks Hovis McDougall. Gates will also trigger a material rise in earnings a share.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones ..... 5695.26 (+26.60)
S&P Composite ..... 673.45 (+2.48)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ..... 22104.80 (+287.18)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 10958.67 (+34.88)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index ..... 569.58 (-0.65)

Sydney:
AO ..... 2212.1 (-9.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX ..... 2568.88 (+22.53)

Singapore:
Straits ..... 2289.24 (-20.05)

Brussels:
General ..... 9520.49 (+21.99)

Paris:
CAC-40 ..... 2137.29 (-0.21)

Zurich:
SKA Gen ..... 753.30 (-7.20)

London:

FT 30	3787.6 (+8.2)
FT 100	3769.2 (+13.5)
FT-SE Mid 250	4467.4 (+5.1)
FT-SE-A 350	1904.6 (+5.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1694.47 (+7.58)
FT A All-Share	1890.5 (+5.4)
FT Non Financials	2017.07 (+7.97)
FT Fixed Interest	111.58 (-0.06)
FT Govt Secs	92.27 (-0.17)
Bargains	30263
SEAQ Volume	713.5m
USM (Datastrm)	223.70 (+0.21)
US$	1.5344 (-0.0008)
German Mark	2.3578 (-0.0006)
Exchange Index	85.9 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2333
£:SDR	1.0675
RPI	152.6 Apr (2.4%) Jan (1987=100
RPIX	152.0 Apr (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Aberforth Smi C (100)	98	–	1
Biocompatibles Wrts	43	–	4
CA Couns (105)	118	...	
Carisbrooke (90)	108	...	
Emtech	65	+	2
Epic Multimedia	91	+	3
Euro Telecom (115)	157	...	
Fieldens (60)	65	...	
Gartmore Select Jap	92	+	1
Hercules Prop Svcs	55	...	
Hydro-Dynamic(100)	115	...	
INVESCO Eng Intl C	95	...	
Independent Energy	108	+	2
Luminar (200)	300	+	8
Mulberry Group	176	+	1
PPL Therapeutics	485	–	2
Prism Rail	300	+	20
Railtrack (190)	216	+	1
Recognition Sys (70)	121	...	
Renaissance US Gth	98	...	
SEA Multimedia (70)	71	...	
Schroder Vent Int	194	...	
Taiwan Inv Tst C	92	+	½
Thomas Potts	125	...	
Tom Hoskins	55	+	2
Whitecross (84)	93	...	

RIGHTS ISSUES

Albrighton n/p (6)	1½	...	
Burford Gp n/p (122)	8	...	
Critchley n/p (810)		...	
Enterprise n/p (153)	57	+	2
Firstbus n/p (140)	18	–	1
Green Property n/p	25¾	...	
Proteus Intl n/p (45)	26	...	
Sketchley n/p (105)	108	...	

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Cafe Inns	212p (+27p)
Celltech	845p (+37p)
Caird Gp	408p (+18p)
Azlan	755p (+30p)
Chiroscience	450p (+17p)
TI	541p (+13p)

FALLS:

Mitel	422p (-17p)
Cable Wireless	420p (-14p)
Man Utd	467p (-22p)

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TEMPUS

Who needs Terminal 5?

BAA's chief executive delivered a stirring address yesterday but it was unclear to whom it was directed. He called for approval for the Terminal 5 project, stuck in an endless planning battle and a project that will cost the company billions. But he also made a plea for soft treatment from the regulator, due to make a determination on future landing charges — and he pointed at the huge capital expenditure programme, dominated of course by the planned Terminal 5.

If the regulator has any sense, he will ignore the pleas. BAA does not have to build Terminal 5 and it is not in the immediate interests of shareholders for it to do so. Such huge capital projects are a double blow to companies as BAA has found with the construction of Stansted. Interest capitalised during construction suddenly hits the revenue account on completion. At the same time, the new terminal is creaming revenue off its sister terminals as it builds up capacity.

The whole effect is profits dilution and for such a mammoth project, it could be significant. Of course, BAA will correctly point out that in the long term the new asset will produce profits but it is debatable whether investors gain more from mega-projects than they would from squeezing more passengers through existing buildings.

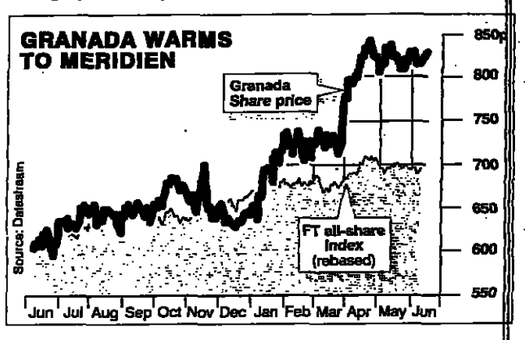
The Government may want a fifth terminal at Heathrow but, again, there is no necessity for BAA to be its owner. Consumers might be better served if the project was put out to tender. The government is keen to see competitive tendering for its own projects; why should it allow a privatised monopoly to escape the chill wind of competition.

Granada

WITH so many twists and turns between its initial statements about the Forte assets and more recent decisions, a cynic might conclude that Granada made its £3.9 billion bid for the hotels group on a whim. It has spent the last couple of months reneging on statements it made during the heat of the bid battle: the Forte private jet — once targeted as a symbol of Forte waste and extravagance — is now to be kept.

More important is the decision to keep the Meridien chain, once a candidate for sale. In hindsight, accusations by the Forte camp that Granada lacked a strategy for hotels seem to have more credence. But Granada is learning quickly that Meridien is an excellent opportunity to enter the international hotel market with an established brand. An international dimension will decrease the hotel's division reliance on the UK, and allow expansion through the relatively cheap route of winning management contracts. Combined with the traditional Granada virtues of tight cost control and strong purchasing power, the Meridien chain could be a powerful addition to the portfolio.

Granada needs to get a good price for the hotels and other assets that are lined up for disposal. But in a booming market and with support from its bankers, Granada is in no rush to sell. Shareholders will probably arrive at the same conclusion.



British Land

AFTER falling asset values at Land Securities and Great Portland Estates, signs of growth from British Land are a welcome relief. The uplift serves to prove that it is possible to make property assets grow in an environment of low or minimal rental growth and soft yields. In such a market smaller property companies have an edge; with a portfolio made up of fewer assets, good managers can make a difference with a number of canny deals, as witnessed by Chelsfield's 6 per cent NAV uplift, announced in April. The problem facing larger companies, such as Land Securities, is a portfolio weighed down by older properties needing refurbishment.

British Land has managed to escape the doldrums by aggressively and successfully expanding into retail property. First buying supermarkets on guaranteed rental uplifts, which have ensured the company a rising income, and recently expanding into leisure property. The company's aggressive investment in City offices, however, looks more risky. Rents in the City have not picked up as fast as expected and British Land is heavily exposed. A few sales at the Broadgate complex might be wise.

Celltech

CELLTECH was once the safety-first pick among UK biotech companies, seeking bigger partners to fund the human trials of its products. It is less risky but potentially less profitable than the "we'll do it all ourselves" approach taken by British Biotech, the sector's glamour stock. For now, at least, British Biotech is well ahead on points, with a £1.6 billion market value three times that of Celltech.

But having sold its manufacturing arm, Celltech is planning to spend a good slug of the £50 million it receives for Biologics on developing a new antibody for treating skin disease. It is also prepared to pursue late stage development of treatments for multiple sclerosis and other immune disorders.

Celltech insists it will confine this more ambitious approach to antibody development, where it believes it has a real edge. Of course, the change has nothing to do with the success of British Biotech.

The price Alusuisse-Lonza is paying for the profitable Biologics — £31.5 million of it upfront — looks good for a business that made £2.1 million before tax last year. Making antibodies for other drug companies has its own risks, such as the collapse of customers' research programmes. Biologics would also have made further demands on capital.

Celltech may become slightly riskier, but it remains one of the better biotech bets.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Jul	1117-1115	Sep	1088 SLR
Sep	1147-1145	Dec	1095 SLR
Dec	1070-1068	Mar	1106 SLR
Mar	1056-1055	May	1111-1108
May	1067-1065		
Jul	1078 SLR		Volume: 18820

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	1816-1815	Mar	1693-1685
Sep	1765-1763	May	1683-1670
Nov	1745-1743	Jul	1680-1660
Jan	1729-1715		Volume: 7074

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	328.0-26.0
Spot: 400.9		May	326.5-25.5
Aug	364.5-64.0	Aug	325.5-23.5
Oct	346.5-45.3	Oct	313.0-10.5
Dec	333.0-32.3		Volume: 1284

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	114.11	95.39	100.99
(+/-)	+0.14	+0.58	+1.59
Eng/Wales:	114.06	130.22	99.92
(+/-)	+0.21	-20.98	+1.49
(%)	-0.10	+5.0	-2.0
Scotland:	114.40	132.39	104.03
(+/-)	-0.58	-15.96	+1.42
(%)	-20.0	+66.0	+14.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.25	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.15	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.70	n/c
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	20.15	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	19.30	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	194 (+1)	196 (+1)
Gasoil REC	164 (+1)	166 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	83 (+1)	85 (+1)
Naphtha	175 (+1)	177 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jul	159.75-60.00	Oct	160.50-61.00
Aug	158.75-59.00	Nov	161.00-01.25
Sep	159.50-59.75		Vol: 11042

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jul	18.13-18.14	Oct	17.20 SLR
Aug	17.70-17.72	Nov	17.00-17.02
Sep	17.38 BLD		Vol: 26258

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jul	121.00	Sep	107.00
Sep	114.40	Nov	109.00
Nov	116.20	Jan	111.15
Jan	118.10	Mar	112.75
Mar	120.25	May	114.00
	Volume: 339		Volume: 15

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Mar	...	110.0
Apr	147.0	143.0
		Volume: 77

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 100.50-101.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 96	1245	1245	1248
Jul 96	1210	1208	1211
Oct 96	1336	1325	1327
Jan 97	1340	1340	1340
Vol: 50 lots		Open interest: 4440	
		Index 1293 -9	

(Official) (% volume prev day) — LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

	Cash:	3mths:	Vol: 2411100
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2325.0-2338.0	2130.0-2135.0	
Lead ($/tonne)	798.00-799.00	798.00-799.00	188975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1012.0-1012.5	1036.0-1037.0	523500
Tin ($/tonne)	6205.0-6215.0	6200.0-6205.0	21880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1455.0-1456.0	1492.0-1493.0	1894250
Nickel ($/tonne)	7755.0-7760.0	7860.0-7870.0	62082

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Jun 96	3749.0	3775.0	3742.0	3767.0	15263
Previous open interest: 64531	Sep 96	3752.0	3779.0	3747.5	3770.5	4810
FT-SE 250	Jun 96				4467.0	0
Previous open interest: 4089	Sep 96				4502.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 96	94.10	94.11	94.09	94.10	5880
Previous open interest: 403943	Sep 96	94.15	94.17	94.13	94.16	11169
	Dec 96	93.95	93.98	93.92	93.96	19573
Three Mth Euro Yen	Sep 96	99.15	99.16	99.15	99.16	200
	Dec 96	98.82	98.82	98.82	98.82	517
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 96	96.64	96.65	96.63	96.64	9512
Previous open interest: 113037	Sep 96	96.65	96.67	96.64	96.66	25614
Long Gilt	Jun 96	106-10	106-13	106-07	106-13	2746
Previous open interest: 134272	Sep 96	105-07	105-10	105-01	105-09	3535o
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 96	119.00	119.17	118.90	119.03	2303
	Dec 96	118.05	118.06	117.98	118.04	171
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 96	95.29	95.42	95.18	95.36	102808
Previous open interest: 181861	Dec 96	94.45	94.45	94.37	94.46	180
Three month ECU	Jun 96	95.58	95.58	95.57	95.57	959
Previous open interest: 29061	Sep 96	95.60	95.61	95.57	95.58	663
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 96	97.47	97.47	97.31	97.40	5393
Previous open interest: 79633	Sep 96	97.40	97.42	97.30	97.33	19670
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 96	115.34	115.65	115.29	115.46	28886
Previous open interest: 54110	Dec 96				114.76	0

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2523-1.2631
Austria	10.80-10.81
Belgium (Com)	31.58-31.62
Canada	1.3656-1.3661
Denmark	5.9235-5.9265
France	5.2045-5.2055
Germany	1.5355-1.5362
Hong Kong	7.7410-7.7413
Ireland	1.5773-1.5783
Italy	1548.60-1550.10
Japan	109.33-109.38
Malaysia	2.4913-2.4923
Netherlands	1.719o-1.720o
Norway	6.5600-6.5630
Portugal	158.30-158.40
Singapore	1.4088-1.4098
Spain	129.49-129.53
Sweden	6.7139-6.7208
Switzerland	1.2045-1.2055

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5372-1.5398
Australia dollar	1.9400-1.9410
Bahrain dinar	0.5730-0.5850
Brazil real*	1.5325-1.5367
China yuan	12.00 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.7185-0.7385
Finland markka	7.1475-7.2035
Greece drachma	368.50-375.50
Hong Kong dollar	11.9956-11.9998
India rupee	53.20-54.10
Indonesia rupiah	3554.00-3622.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4555-0.4655
Malaysia ringgit	3.8284-3.8312
New Zealand dollar	2.2790-2.2829
Pakistan rupee	53.61 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5300-5.6000
Singapore dollar	2.1643-2.1673
S Africa rand (com)	6.6340-6.7360
U A E dirham	5.5800-5.7040

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

WALL STREET

	Jun 12 midday	Jun 11 close
AMP Inc	40¾	41
AMR Corp	94½	93⅝
ASA	41½	41⅝
AT & T	62⅝	61⅞
Abbott Labs	42¾	43⅛
Advanced Micro	17	16¾
Aetna Life	73⅞	73
Ahmanson (HF)	25⅝	26⅛
Air Prod & Chem	58⅜	58⅛
AirTouch Comm	30⅝	30⅞
Alberto-Culver B	29½	29⅝
Albertson's	40⅝	39⅞
Alcan Aluminm	31½	31⅛
Alco Standard	62⅝	62⅞
Allied Signal	56⅜	55⅛
Alum Co of Am	60	59⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅝	6⅝
Amerada Hess	55	55⅛
Amer Brands	44½	44⅜
Amer El Power	40⅝	40
Amer Express	45½	45⅛
Amer Genl Corp	36⅜	36⅝
Amer Home Pr	58⅜	57⅞
Amer Intl	94⅛	94⅜
Amer Stores	35⅜	36⅛
Amer Standard	31⅛	31⅜
Ameritech	56⅛	56⅜
Amoco	72⅛	72⅜
Anheuser-Busch	73¾	73⅝
Apple Computer	24⅛	24
Archer Daniels	19⅛	19⅛
Armco	4¼	4⅜
Armstrong Wrld	57	56½
Asarco	29⅝	29⅝
Ashland Oil	36⅛	36⅜
Atl Richfield	117¼	117½
Auto Data Pro	38	38⅛
Avery Dennison	36⅞	36⅝
Avon Products	46⅛	46⅛
Baker Hughes	31⅛	31
Baltim Gas & El	26⅛	26⅛
Banc One	36⅞	36⅝
BankAmerica	76⅛	76⅛
Bank of NY	63	63
Bankers Tr NY	78	78
Barnett Banks	74⅛	74⅛
Baxter Intl	44⅞	44⅞
Becin Dickinsn	83⅛	83⅛
Bell Atlantic	82⅜	82½
Bell Industries	21⅛	21
BellSouth	40	39⅞
Black & Decker	39⅞	40⅛
Block (H&R)	35⅛	35⅛
Boeing	84⅛	84⅝
Boise Cascade	40⅝	40⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	97⅛	98
Browning Ferris	36⅝	36⅞
Brunswick	22½	22⅝
Burlington Nthn	87⅛	87⅜
CMS Energy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
CNA Financial	99⅛	99⅝
CPC Intl	69	69
CSX	49¼	48⅝
Campbell Soup	65½	66
Can Pacific	19⅜	20
Carolina Pwr	35⅛	35⅛
Caterpillar	66⅛	66⅛
Central & SW	27⅜	27⅛
Champion Intl	44⅜	44⅜
Chase Manhat	72½	72⅝
Chevron Corp	69⅛	69⅛
Chrysler	69⅝	69⅝
Chubb Corp	69	69⅛
Ciena Corp	111⅛	110⅜
Citicorp	83⅝	83⅝
Clorox	82½	82½
Coastal Corp	40⅜	40⅜
Coca Cola	66¼	67
Colgate-Palmolve	82⅝	82
Columbia Gas	47	47⅛
ColumbiaHCA	52⅛	52
Compaq Comp	48⅛	48⅝
Comp Ass Int	67¾	68¼
Conagra	44	44
Conrail	70⅛	70⅛
Cons Edison	29⅝	29⅝
Cons Nat Gas	47¼	47⅜
Cooper Inds	41¾	43⅛
Coretalec	39⅝	39⅝
Corning Inc	34⅛	34⅛
Crown Cork	49	49
Dana Corp	32⅜	32⅛
Dayton Hudson	108⅛	107⅝
Deere	42¾	42⅝
Delta Air Lines	89⅝	89⅝
Deluxe Corp	36⅜	36
Digital Equip	47⅞	47⅛
Dillard Dept St	39⅛	39⅛
Disney (Walt)	62⅝	62⅝
Dominion Res	37⅞	37⅞
Dunclby (RR)	36⅛	36⅛
Dover Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Dow Chemical	82⅝	81
Dow Jones	39⅜	39⅜
Dresser	20⅛	20⅛
Duke Power	44⅜	44⅜
Dun & Bradstreet	67⅜	67⅝
Du Pont	80⅝	79⅞
Eastman Chem	69⅞	69⅝

	Jun 12 midday	Jun 11 close
Eastman Kodak	78⅜	78⅛
Eaton Corp	58⅛	58⅛
Edison Int	16⅛	16⅛
Emerson Elec	88⅜	89⅛
Engelhard Corp	23⅞	24
Enron Corp	40⅛	39⅝
Entergy	26⅛	26⅛
Ethyl Corp	10⅝	10⅝
Exxon	84⅛	85
FMC Corp	68⅛	68⅛
FPL Group	42⅜	43
Federal Express	79⅛	77⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	31⅛	31
First Bk Sys	59⅝	59⅛
First Union Rlty	7	6⅞
Fleet Fincl Grp	44⅛	44⅛
Fluor Corp	67	66⅝
Ford Motor	34⅛	34⅛
GTE Corp	42⅜	42⅛
Gannett	71⅛	71⅛
Gap Inc Del	34⅛	34⅛
Gen Dynamics	63⅛	62⅝
Gen Electric	88⅛	87⅞
Gen Mills	64½	64⅛
Gen Motors	55½	55⅛
Gen Reinsurance	150	149⅞
Gen Signal	38⅛	38⅝
Genuine Parts	45⅛	45⅛
Georgia Pac	72⅝	72⅝
Gillette	60	59⅝
Glaxo Wellc ADR	26½	25⅞
Goodrich (BF)	39⅜	39⅜
Goodyear Tire	49⅝	49⅛
Grace (W R)	77	76⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32⅜	33½
Great Wstn Fin	23½	23⅝
Halliburton	59⅝	59⅛
Harcourt General	52⅝	52⅝
Harsco	65⅞	66⅛
Heinz (HJ)	32⅜	32⅜
Hercules	57⅞	56⅞
Hershey Foods	72⅜	71⅞
Hewlett Packard	108	106⅞
Hilton Hotels	117⅛	116
Home Depot	65⅝	66
Homestake Mng	17⅞	17⅞
Honeywell	54⅛	52⅞
Household Intl	70⅞	70⅛
Houston Inds	23⅜	23⅜
Humana	19⅝	18⅝
ITT Corp	65⅞	63⅞
Illinois Tool	66⅛	66⅛
Illinova	26⅛	26⅛
IMCO	32⅜	31⅛
Ingersoll Rand	41⅞	41⅝
Inland Steel	28⅞	29⅛
Intel Corp	79⅝	79⅝
IBM	103⅝	103⅜
Intl Flav & Fr	47½	49¼
Intl Paper	90	90
James River Va	26⅜	26⅜
Jones & Jhnsn	52⅝	53⅛
Kellogg	77⅜	76⅝
Kerr-McGee	57	57⅛
Kimberly-Clark	74⅛	73⅞
Kmart	13⅛	12⅞
Knight-Ridder	73⅝	73⅞
Lilly (Eli)	65½	66
Limited Inc	22	21½
Lincoln Nat	46⅛	46⅛
Litton	44⅜	45⅛
Liz Claiborne	32⅛	32⅛
Lockheed Martin	86	85⅞
Louisiana Pac	24½	24½
MCI Comm	24	24⅛
Marriott Int	49⅛	49⅛
Marsh & McLan	95⅜	96
Mascо Corp	31½	31⅜
May Dept St	47	47⅛
Maytag Corp	21½	21⅛
McDonalds	46⅝	47⅛
McDonnell D	99⅝	99½
McGraw Hill	47½	47⅝
Mead Corp	52⅝	52⅝
Medtronic	56½	56⅛
Mellon Bk	58⅝	58⅝
Melville Corp	42	42⅛
Merck Inc	64⅛	64
Merrill Lynch	63⅞	63⅞
Microsoft	125	122⅜
Minnesota Mine	99	98⅞
Mobil Corp	114½	113⅝
Monsanto	32	30⅝
Morgan (JP)	86	85⅝
Motorola Inc	69⅞	69
Nat Semi	16	15½
Natl Service Ind	36⅜	36⅜
Navistar Int	9¾	9⅝
NY Times A	38	37⅞
Newmont Mng	53½	52½
Nlag Mohawk	8	7⅞
Nike B	106½	108⅛
NL Industries	12⅛	12
Noram Energy	10	10
Nordstrom	49⅛	50
Norfolk Sthrn	85⅝	86
North State Pwr	46	46⅜
Norwest Corp	35¾	34½
Nynex Corp	46⅛	46⅛
Occidental Pet	25⅞	25⅝
Ohio Edison	21	21

	Jun 12 midday	Jun 11 close
Oracle	34⅛	33½
Oryx Energy Co	15⅝	15⅞
Overseas Ship	18	17½
Owens Corning	40⅝	40⅝
PHH Corp	54½	54⅝
PPG Industries	50	50⅜
PNC Bank	30⅜	30⅝
PP&L Res	22⅝	22⅛
Paccar Inc	48⅝	48⅝
Pacificorp	20⅜	20⅜
Pac Enterprises	27	27
Pac Gas & Elect	23⅞	23⅞
Pac Telesis	33⅝	33⅜
Pall Corp	25⅞	25⅝
Parker Hannifin	41½	41
Penn Energy	24⅝	24⅝
Penney (JC)	50⅞	50⅞
Pennzoil	43⅞	43⅝
Pepsico	34	33⅞
Pfizer	72⅛	72⅛
Pharm & Upjhn	41½	42⅜
Phelps Dodge	69	69
Philip Morris	103⅝	103⅝
Phillips Pet	40⅝	41
Pitney Bowes	49⅞	49⅝
Polaroid	47½	45⅝
PriceCosco	20⅞	20⅞
Procter & Gmbl	90⅛	89⅝
Providian	42⅝	43⅜
Pub Serv E & G	25⅛	25⅝
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One aboard for yacht race

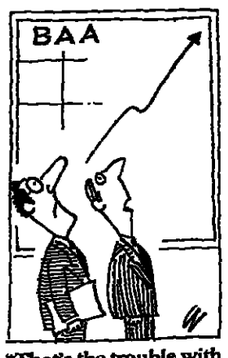
TROUBLED waters at Commercial Union, where Ian Reynolds, managing director at CU Life, has crossed sails with Cees Schrauwers, CU-Non Life. The two men were competing for a place on board *Commercial Union Assurance*, the yacht, to race in the BT Global Challenge. An extra pair of hands was required after Jerome Flynn, the actor who stars in *Soldier, Soldier*, the TV series, pulled out because of filming commitments. The dispute was settled by the toss of a coin, and Mr Reynolds is to compete in the Wellington to Sydney leg of the 30,000-mile race. Dutch-born Mr Schrauwers muttered: "Ian and England have one thing in common — they're both used to battling it out for last place!"

Diner's club

VICTOR OBOGU, rugby giant and proprietor of Shoeless Joe's, turned the tables on staff from American Express last night, working them as waiters at his Fulham restaurant. David Thomas, vice-president of Travel Management Services at American Express, and leader of the 12-man team, began his warm-up early yesterday morning, moving to a new home in Buckinghamshire. Thomas admits never having waited at table before the charity event in aid of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, but adds that he did put in shifts at a brewery and building site.

City Rhodes

GARDNER MERCHANT, the world's largest catering company, has spilled the beans and whispered where exactly it will be opening Gary Rhodes's new restaurant in the City. The former "punk" chef from The Greenhouse in Mayfair will be feeding City clients from Gardner Merchant's London offices in New Street Square. If planning proposals are accepted, work on "Rhodes in the City" will begin in some months.



"That's the trouble with flying — it interrupts the shopping"

Taking Liberty's

NEVER mind the plunging profits, Liberty is splashing out on a faux-antique staircase for its Regent Street store. And nothing but the best for the retailer that has commanded the services of royal carver Dick Reid. President of the Association of Master Carvers, who comes fresh from his restoration work on Windsor Castle.

Hectored

IF YOU are a company director, investment banker, computer programmer, freelance journalist or City dealer, the beaming face of Hector the tax inspector could soon be looking over your shoulder. Of all professions, these have the highest chance of having their taxes audited under the new self-assessment regime, according to a study released today by Arthur Andersen, the firm of accountants. Based on past experience in Australia and Ireland, the report picks out those who are are most likely to end up owing the Revenue money.

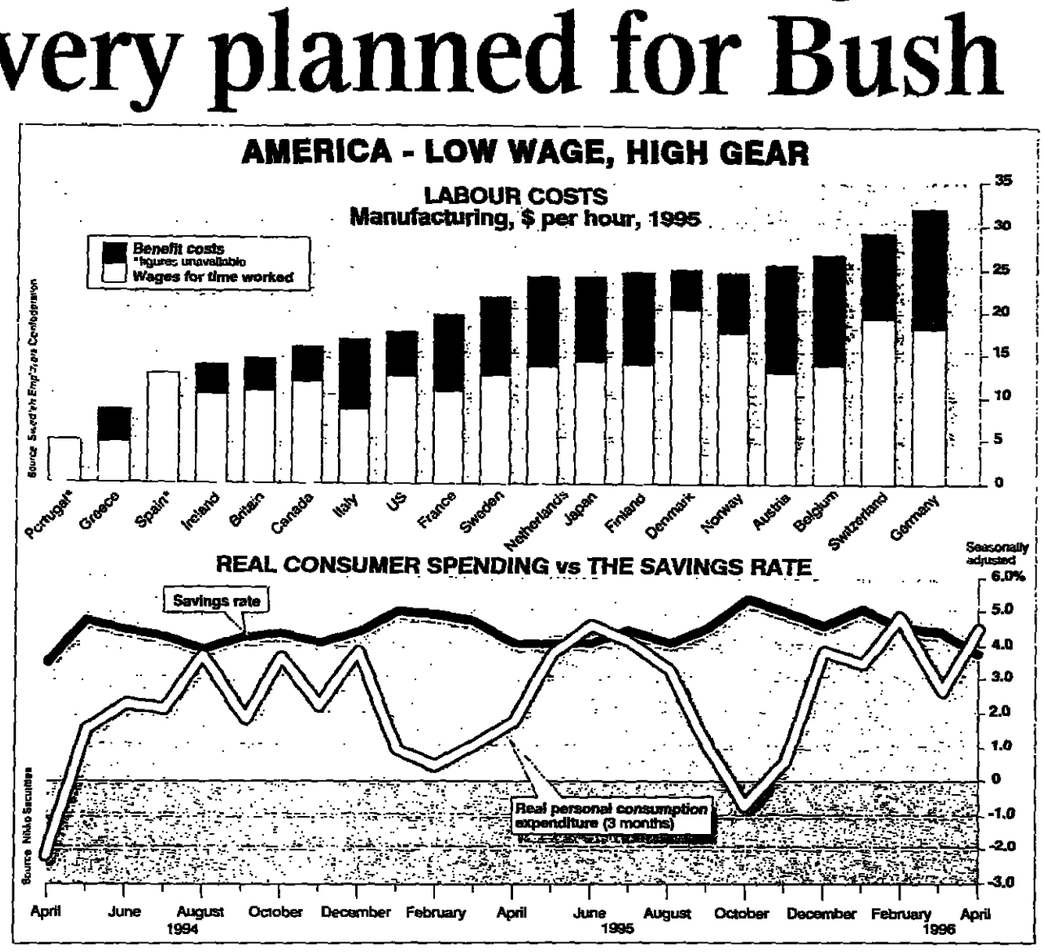
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ECONOMIC VIEW — ANTHONY HARRIS



Why Clinton is enjoying the recovery planned for Bush

The pick-up in the US economy is four years late and may not be problem-free for too much longer



Last week the London market fell 50 points on a strong US employment report; but the Dow, after an initial spasm, rose. It is not just that American financiers have an almost religious faith in Alan Greenspan's pragmatic rule at the Federal Reserve, which reacts to inflation signs, not to growth itself. They also feel good about their recovery, and so does the man in Main Street. It is still relatively slow and hesitant, though few now deny that it is happening; but it is singularly well-balanced.

The recovery has been achieved in spite of genuine budget tightening and cuts in defence spending that would have depressed any less resilient economy. Inflation remains low, investment and employment high, and both the trade and budget balances are improving. This picture must be the envy of every European leader (except in Dublin), though nearly all would choke on the policies that have produced it. But success is coming four years later than originally planned; and the great, celebratory Wall Street bull market could be its Achilles' heel.

The story starts with the massive and determined devaluation of the dollar by James Baker in 1985, designed to correct the trade deficit, and check the Democratic protectionists in Congress whose message was proving popular. It helped George Bush to win his first term, and it started the revival of the rust belt, as manufacturing had become derisively known. When devaluation also proved amazingly non-inflationary, it was extended to prepare the ground for Nafta (North American Free Trade Agreement) — a success.

But the Treasury also hoped to generate enough export-led growth to cut the budget deficit and win Bush a second term. That, too, worked in the end, but only after a politically fatal delay caused by the near-collapse of the American financial system. It may have come just in time to help Clinton ride out Whitewater.

Europeans who think that strong currencies are a badge of virtue should study the McDonald's hamburger standard of real value. Or, more tellingly, the Swedish chart of comparative labour costs: it is still a shock to see that the US has become something near a low-wage economy.

The recent recovery of the dollar will not have changed that picture drastically because this year, for the first time, non-wage employment costs in the US have actually fallen. This reflects not only the Reagan era deregulation of the labour market, but the US boom in temporary employment. These non-unionised labour warehouses seem to be very good at containing cost pressures.

Disciplined labour is not all that it takes to make an economy super-competitive. The other US boom, which is now more than three years old, is in industrial investment. Plant and equipment spending has been growing at about 10 per cent a year since 1992; and although spending (apart from computers) fell a little in the first quarter of this year as manufacturers found themselves with too much capacity, order books are healthy again. The question that looks so baffling from this side of the Atlantic (not least to Tony Blair's advisers) is what drives industry to add capacity so keenly in what has been a fairly sluggish economy.

The answer seems to lie in Wall Street itself: the bull market has made capital funds progressively cheaper, and industry has responded with a sustained flood of new share issues. At the same time, rising share values are helping to look after the demand side of the equation: rising paper wealth — the value of stock market securities has never stood so high in relation to national income (and if the 1929 precedent looks sinister, we will come to that).

Wealth has encouraged consumers to borrow more and to cut their savings rate, from a little over 5 per cent (already low) to about 3.5 per cent — enough to add more than a point to demand growth. This seems to be concentrated mainly on durables: housebuilding is reviving rapidly, and sales of cars and light trucks are extremely strong.

But Americans are demanding as retail customers and insist on keen prices even when their confidence is as high as current surveys suggest. One result: Tuesday's retail report shows that what has become the annual June ceremony of the cutting of the clothing prices (after the new-season increases have failed to stick) is being run again.

Consumer power is one bulwark against inflation; Nafta is the other. The transfer of production (notably assembly) and jobs to low-wage Latin American trade partners has kept costs down, though it has also provoked the resentment that Pat Buchanan exploited in his run for the Republican nomination.

As the Latin American economies revive, the US is enjoying its reward: recovering exports. These will be a major factor in sustaining US growth when the recent rebound from an inventory correction peters out. Meanwhile, the public sector is benefiting from the strength of the private. Projections from the St Louis Fed (the old curmudgeon among member Reserve Banks) show that the US public sector deficit may have vanished by early 1977. The Federal government remains in the red, but the states are in surplus.

So far, all silver lining, no clouds. From a European point of view, the picture may look like vice (devaluation and social cuts) rewarded. Gunther Rexrodt, the German Economics Minister, recently dismissed the US figures as "hamburger flipping jobs". He was rebuked from Wall Street: "We've got them flipping in factories, at computer screens, in hospitals ..." Fair comment. But is it as good as it looks? The obvious potential fault lines are in policy-making, and in Wall Street.

US economic policy, so far as such a thing exists, is heavily dependent on the Fed. This is partly because of deadlock-as-usual between the White House and Congress, but also because, even given agreement, fiscal policy takes months to change under the US constitution. That is no doubt why the Fed has a wider remit than other central banks: it is responsible not only for price stablity, but for satisfactory growth.

In fair weather, no problem; but obviously conflicts could arise. Its widely praised independence is only conditional. It is ultimately a creature of Congress. And it can be politically slavish.

The sainted Greenspan (a shoo-in for a third term) has his critics. Too vague, say the economists — his rules seem to trim with the weather. Too political, say some bankers — he is a great diner-out. A turncoat, say some Republicans (no comment).

For myself, I remain an obstinate Greenspan admirer. He is a scholarly man, and the pants by whose seat he flies are always highly educated, thanks partly to the Fed's unrivalled flow of grassroots information. He presided over the stock market "correction" of 1987, and the more serious subsequent banking crisis, like an absolution. There are no serious nominees for a replacement.

Wall Street could test him to the limit. Some time, perhaps as soon as next month, he will have to raise interest rates a little. Some unpredictable time later, the bull market will have its long-expected correction. The 1987 correction (a 30 per cent fall) suggests that the ordinary mutual fund investor will take this stoically, as he can well afford to do; but there are no guarantees. And if he does go into another buying sulk, the whole trade-dependent Nafta house of cards would tremble.

A possibility, not a forecast. But what is certain is that the US economic summer cannot remain problem-free for very much longer.

THE HAMBURGER STANDARD

	Local Big Mac price in $	Local currency implied over/under valuation %		Local Big Mac price in $	Local currency implied over/under valuation %
United States	2.36	-	Italy	2.90	+23
Australia	1.97	+17	Japan	2.70	+14
Austria	3.40	+43	Netherlands	3.21	+36
Belgium	3.50	+48	New Zealand	2.01	-15
Britain	2.70	+14	Russia	1.93	-18
Canada	2.10	-11	Singapore	2.16	-8
Denmark	4.40	+87	South Africa	1.54	-30
France	3.41	+46	South Korea	2.95	+25
Germany	3.22	+37	Spain	2.89	+23
Hong Kong	1.28	-46	Sweden	3.87	+64
Israel	3.00	+27	Switzerland	4.80	+103

Source: McDonald's

Tax break plays the lead in Irish success story

Eileen McCabe on a Dublin initiative acting as a magnet for film-makers

When Mel Gibson leapt on to the stage of this year's Oscar ceremony to accept two of the five awards won by his film *Braveheart*, he raised a smile in Ireland, where many stood to make a lot of money from his success. Almost Ir£9 million raised through a special tax relief measure, known as Section 35, went into the making of the blockbuster. Introduced in 1987 to encourage private and corporate investors to invest in film production companies, Section 35 only began to have an impact on the film world after it was overhauled in 1993.

The measure allows individuals to claim full tax relief on investments in film production of up to Ir£25,000. A cap of Ir£350,000 was placed on corporate investors, with a special clause allowing investments of up to Ir£1 million if the funds are going to a single qualifying production company to make one film. There are also strict criteria about what percentage of a film's total spend could be raised through Section 35, and how much of the work should be in Ireland. The scheme was designed by the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht (the Irish-speaking region). Other measures included the revival of the Irish Film Board to develop the indigenous film industry, new regulations forcing RTE, the state-owned national broadcaster, to accept more work from independent film groups, and the setting up of film production training courses.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, only one or two films were made in Ireland each year. By the end of 1993, *The Crying Game* and *In the Name of the Father*, both given Irish Film Board assistance, had hit the screens to international acclaim.

The following year, Section 35 came into its own, attracting Irish investors and foreign film-makers — Mel Gibson met the minister in July 1994. After his company raised almost Ir£9 million through Section 35 he proceeded to commandeer Irish film crews, castles and thousands of extras from the Irish army for the Oscar-winning production about William Wallace.

Gibson's production pumped Ir£13 million into the local economy. It is estimated that investors have so far made more than 80p for every Ir£1 they put into the production.

Braveheart was one of 87 projects certified for Section 35 finance up to May. The 53 film and 34 television projects have between them raised Ir£150 million. Fifty-five of the 87 are from indigenous companies, and the explosion of local talent is causing most satisfaction in government circles.

According to Rob Stoneman, formerly with Channel 4 and now chief executive officer of the film board, the health of the Irish industry is demonstrated by the programme for the Galway Film Festival, which this year showcases six new Irish films.

A budget of Ir£4 million is allowing his organisation to make a significant impact on the local scene. "There is a wonderful dynamic here and I think it's to do with a combination of things — government strategies and fresh talent." The initiative attracted the attention of the Commons National Heritage Committee, which visited the Republic last year before it completed its report on the British film industry. The report states: "Recent developments in Ireland have shown that the right incentives can produce results."

> The wonderful dynamic here is part strategy, part fresh talent

But, there are already rumblings of discontent among some film-makers, who claim that the recent demand for film crews and technicians has pushed production costs through the roof. At a film conference in Dublin last month, the producers of *Sense and Sensibility* said that filming in Ireland would have cost an extra Ir£5 million.

According to a spokesman for the Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht, the situation is under constant review. This year's budget reduced the tax relief for Section 35 investors to 80 per cent. The introduction and extension of training schemes to ensure that there are enough qualified Irish people in place to deal with demand is already having an effect, he added.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Business Links 'key element in improving competitiveness'

From David Grayson

Sir, Business Links are an exciting development and a key element in improving our international competitiveness.

The idea of a "one-stop shop", through which small and medium-sized businesses could access a range of local/national and international help, was developed by our organisations before the 1992 general election.

The concept was enthusiastically taken up by Michael Heseltine after the election. With our active support and involvement, the DTI has been working since then to encourage local business-led partnerships to create a network of Business Links throughout England.

Inevitably, local partnerships still vary in strength. The survey to which your report refers is actually a review of the continuing professional development needs of Business Links' CEOs — part of a wider commitment to Investors In People and continuous improvement which reflects Business Links' drive to improve the quality of their service.

The fact that CEOs identify areas where the Business Link partnerships must develop should not be construed as a problem but a wish to enhance existing working practices. There has been remarkable progress in a very short period, reflected in Government's willingness to deliver more of its services to small firms through Business Links.

We are confident that Business Link partnerships will continue to develop and improve the range of quality of help for their customers — whose interests are paramount in all our work.

Yours faithfully,
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Chairman, Business Links Network Company,
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Shuffle the pack of regulators

From Mr N. R. MacNicol

Sir, Regulators seem to have widely varying attitudes towards their respective charges. Death by a thousand cuts for one industry; fawning support for another.

Perhaps it is time, for unhappy Sid's sake, to restore some balance by swapping them around. May I offer you my Mrs Ofgas for your Mr Oflot?

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL R. MacNICOL,
9 Church Lane,
Greetham,
Oakham,
Rutland.

BT's dream remuneration

From R. S. Guha

Sir, BT's contract with Michael Hepher breaks new ground in the highly lucrative job contracts of the privatised utility bosses. To be paid the full salary, plus share options and perks, to do nothing while employed by somebody else is like having the option to win the National Lottery jackpot without filling the numbers in.

The directors and non-executive directors of BT, with the compliance of the supine institutional shareholders, have come up with a dream remuneration contract. No doubt the lost livelihood of more than 100,000 redundant employees helped to fund such a munificent payment.

The episode highlights the spineless role of non-executive directors and large shareholders in the privileged boardrooms of privatised companies. To paraphrase Peter Norris, the former chief executive officer of Barings, the critical faculties of rational, intelligent, experienced and confident people were less enjoined than they might have been because there were profits.

Yours faithfully,
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BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL SA (IN LIQUIDATION)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The English Liquidators of BCCI SA are to make a further application to the High Court in London for directions in relation to the release of funds under their control pursuant to the pooling arrangements that have been entered into, with a view to the payment of a first dividend.

THE HIGH COURT IN LONDON WILL HEAR THAT APPLICATION AT A HEARING COMMENCING ON 15 JULY 1996.

In particular, the Court will be asked to give directions as to provisions/retentions (if any) that ought to be made by the English Liquidators in relation to certain differences between the law applicable to the liquidation of BCCI SA in Luxembourg and the law applicable in England in the following areas:

- Set-Off/Mutual Dealings
- Currency of Dividend Calculation and Payments
- Claim Admission Procedures
- Claim Valuation Date (3/1/92 or 14/1/92)
- Preferential Claims

Any person who considers that his interests may be affected by these matters may appear and be represented at the hearing.

ANY PERSON WHO INTENDS TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING SHOULD CONTACT THE ENGLISH LIQUIDATORS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT:

BCCI – ENGLAND
15 JULY HEARING
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NatWest set to pass on reins in Spain

BY OUR CITY STAFF

NATWEST GROUP proposes to sell an 80 per cent interest in its Spanish retail and commercial bank to Banco Sabadell, it was announced yesterday.

NatWest said that it would continue to hold a 19.9 per cent stake in Banco NatWest España, which will operate under a new name.

NatWest did not disclose the terms of the deal and said that negotiations were continuing. It said that the transaction would need regulatory approval in Spain and the UK.

Banco NatWest España made pre-tax profits of 370 billion pesetas (£15 million) in 1995 and employs 1,325 staff in 200 branches.

Banco Sabadell will also acquire Banco de Asturias, Banco NatWest España's subsidiary in northwest Spain.

NatWest said that the disposal was in line with its strategy to focus on its UK retail franchise, expanding NatWest Markets as a global corporate and investment bank, and the development of international private banking through Coutts Group.

Under a co-operation agreement with Sabadell, the British bank will provide a broad range of products and services to Sabadell's clients.

It said that it intended to maintain and strengthen its presence across Spain, where it started operating in November 1994. Coutts will continue to provide cross-border banking services to Spanish residents, NatWest said.

As a result of the deal, NatWest said that previously written-off goodwill would lead to a small loss in its group accounts for 1996.

The group's tier-one capital ratio will benefit by approximately 0.1 of a percentage point, mainly through reduced weighted-risk assets, NatWest added.

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Michael Lee, left, and Ian Scott-Gall with a collection of pre-war time recorders before announcing Blick's 16 per cent profits rise yesterday

Lands Improvement prepares for market

BY PAUL DURMAN

ONE of Britain's largest agricultural landlords is to join the stock market. Lands Improvement Holdings owns 27,000 acres of rural property worth £56 million. About 21,000 acres is let to hundreds of tenant farmers.

The company is not planning to raise any new money. It wants a listing to enable its 50 shareholders — headed by Clerical Medical, the insurer — to trade their shares.

Lands Improvement was formed 20 years ago to take over a Victorian company, then owned by Clerical Medical, whose business was lending money for improvements to rural estates. The company began building up its land portfolio in 1980, when it acquired a Lincolnshire estate from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food — one of the first privatisations.

The last big purchase came last November when it bought 6,500 acres from Royal Insurance for £55 million.

Although its shares are tightly held, Peter Clery, managing director, is confident that his shareholders will release enough stock to ensure a liquid market. Dealings will begin on Monday in the company, which will have an initial market value of about £32 million.

Pre-tax profits last year increased from £2 million to £3.2 million, helped by the Royal deal. Mr Clery said Lands Improvement was not exposed to the BSE "mad cow" scare since only 5 per cent of its land is let to cattle farmers. This year's results are "coming good".

Mr Clery said Lands Improvement is interested in buying further large blocks of good quality land. The company also hopes to benefit from a new form of farm tenancy, which will allow it to charge higher rents to new tenants. This development has already caused a strong recovery in the price of rural land.

Lands Improvement itself farms 15,000 acres, of which it owns 6,500. It also trades and develops land, and it still has a small lending operation with a loan book of £4.5 million.

Toyota invests £200m in Wales

TOYOTA is stepping up production of engines from its British plant with a £200 million investment (Kevin Eason writes).

The Japanese company announced yesterday that it was expanding its Deeside engine plant in North Wales to supply engines for a new range of cars from the sister manufacturing and assembly factory at Burnaston, Derbyshire.

Deeside currently makes 1.6 and 1.8 petrol engines for Burnaston's output of Carina E models, but will grow to supply power plants for new production of Corolla cars. That will mean an increase of 50,000 to 170,000 engines a year by 1998. As well as producing 110,000 engines this year, Deeside is also exporting 3,000 sets of cylinder blocks and crankshafts monthly to Toyota plants in Japan.

Deeside, set up in 1992, has made 200,000 engines so far. The plant now turns out 450 engines a day. An extra 40 workers will be recruited to the join the existing 180 staff.

Blick clocks up 16% rise at half-time

BLICK, the manufacturer of time control equipment, closed-circuit television equipment and public address systems, achieved a 16 per cent increase in its pre-tax profits, to £7 million, in the half year to March 31 (Martin Barrow writes).

The company, of which Ian Scott-Gall is managing director and Michael Lee is finance director, said that the difficult trading conditions that it had experienced in the second half of last year had persisted throughout the first quarter of the current year. However, order levels and general business volumes had since recovered and continued to improve, it said.

Earnings per share rose by 15 per cent, to 16.4p. The interim dividend is increased by 12.5 per cent, to 4.5p a share.

The company said that gearing had been reduced to 25 per cent, from 41 per cent at the last financial year-end, in spite of the £11.4 million acquisition of PAC International.

The shares rose 8p, to 558p, yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Expro enjoys leap in profits to £14m

EXPRO, the oil services group, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £14.3 million, up from £8.1 million, for the year to March 31. Earnings were 17.6p a share, up from 13.7p and the dividend rises to 7p from 6p, with a final 4.7p. John Dawson, chief executive, said the overall market for service providers to the oil and gas industry was encouraging. But oil prices remain subdued and oil company clients continue to concentrate on cost reduction allied to safety and protection of the environment.

"Services focused on delivering innovative techniques and engineering solutions that reduce client development and production costs are in demand and this plays to our group's core strengths," Mr Dawson said. Expro came to the market last year with ordinary shares priced at 175p. Yesterday, they rose from 315p to 321p.

Cantab sets issue price

CANTAB PHARMACEUTICALS, the biotechnology company that last month announced that it would be raising more money, has priced its new share issue at 650p. After expenses, the placing will raise £25.7 million. The company's existing shareholders still need to agree to waive their pre-emption rights at a meeting next month. The money raised will be used to fund further development of Cantab's DISC virus technology and its work on cancer. The existing shares stood at at 685p by the close of trading yesterday.

Bradford advances

BRADFORD Property Trust, the tenanted residential property investment company, reported a rise in profits to £25.6 million before tax, from £24.8 million, in the year to April 5. Earnings were 11.86p (11.37p)a share. A final dividend of 4.3p a share, due to be paid on August 2, lifts the total to 7.8p, from 7.15p. The company said that net asset value was 202p a share, compared with 201p. Yesterday, the shares fell 3p to 229p. The company said that residential investment values were firm over the past year and there has been some signs of improvements in housing market activity.

Lean year at W T Foods

W T FOODS, the specialist food group, announced that taxable profits had declined to £500,000, from £1.6 million, in the year to March 31. The results were affected by an exceptional charge of £400,000 against bad debts. Adjusted earnings were down to 0.48p a share, compared with 2.73p previously. The total dividend is reduced to 1.35p, from 2.5p last time, with a final payout of 0.85p. The company said that recent boardroom changes and the successfully completed £3 million share placing augured well for the future.

Goldsborough rises

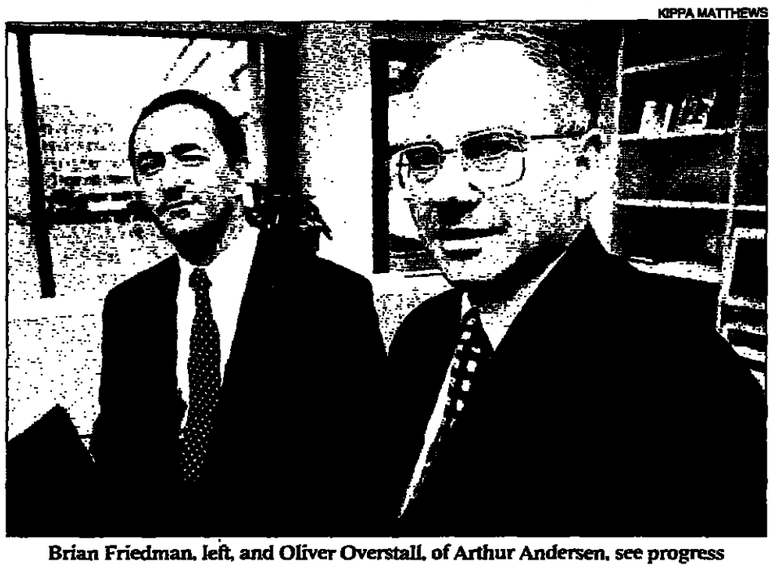
GOLDSBOROUGH HEALTHCARE, the healthcare services group, yesterday reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £3.2 million, for the year to March 31, from £3 million in the previous year. Earnings per share were 6p, compared with 5.8p last time. There is an interim dividend of 1.32p per share, raised from 1.2p last time. Sir Brian Hill, chairman, said that although the performance of the group's care homes division was poor, he was confident that the continued improvement in the hospital and homecare divisions would ensure future growth.

ACCOUNTANCY

Greenbury makes an impact

Boardroom pay is being set more objectively, **Brian Friedman** and **Oliver Overstall** discover

KIPPA MATTHEWS



Brian Friedman, left, and Oliver Overstall, of Arthur Andersen, see progress

Sir Richard Greenbury in his study group's report on directors' remuneration last July recommended that "remuneration committees should judge where to position their company relative to other companies".

This was about as close as the group got to making recommendations on how a remuneration committee should approach the tricky and ultimately critical decision about how much to pay an individual director.

The study group's report went on to make many detailed recommendations about how the remuneration committee of the future should be organised, about how board remuneration should be made more transparent through greater disclosure in the annual report and accounts, and about best practice principles for designing executive incentive schemes. But it held back from elaborating principles for selecting other companies with which a remuneration committee might draw comparison.

Is the selection of comparator companies important? The answer is definitely "yes", according to *Boardroom Pay in UK Quoted Companies 1996, a report by Arthur Andersen.*

Our research shows that there is a very strong link between the size and complexity of a company and the basic salary levels of its top executives. This provides the key to understanding whether a top executive's remuneration package is too large, too small or about right.

The research shows that this is because the total value of a director's remuneration package is, in turn, strongly linked to the size of basic salary: most incentive, bonus and pension schemes are designed to deliver percentages of basic salary, so the bigger the basic salary, the bigger the other elements of remuneration tend to be.

The Arthur Andersen complexity and size methodology, which has now been used by more than 40 leading UK companies, allows remuneration committees to assess objectively their own company in terms of its "size and complexity" profile and then to draw analytical comparisons with other companies in their own sector or similar sectors. This approach largely bypasses the difficulty that remuneration committees have in making sense of apparently incomprehensibly large ranges of competitors' and other companies' pay data.

Interestingly, more and more top directors' pay levels appear to be falling in line with the Arthur Andersen complexity and size benchmark — last year 16 per cent of top directors' basic pay was higher than expected, with 84 per cent within or a little below the expected range. Now, less than a year after Greenbury, the percentage of higher than expected pay has fallen to 14 per cent.

Arthur Andersen also analysed the extent to which UK companies have implemented the full-transparency of board-level remuneration reporting favoured by Sir Richard, and the extent to which this has revealed any big surprises.

The research shows that directors' total cash (basic salary plus bonus) rose 8 per cent in the past year. However, Arthur Andersen's corporate performance monitoring research service shows that corporate performance, in shareholder-value terms, rose more than 20 per cent in the same period. If pay rises continue to align so well with performance improvements in the future, few are likely to complain.

A surprising finding from the report is that a significant number of company directors — perhaps as high as 10 per cent — receive pensionable bonuses, in spite of the suggestions in the Greenbury report that bonuses should not normally be pensionable.

> "Virtually all companies are now publishing details of each director's remuneration"

The argument in favour of pensionable bonuses is that it is important to make pensions reflect the reality of average total cash earnings and that, as more emphasis is being put on performance-linked elements of reward after Sir Richard's recommendations, the need to make bonuses pensionable becomes more imperative.

An alternative, but one which is unlikely to find favour in the current environment, would be to make much higher rewards available through executive incentive share schemes, such as are commonly found in the US.

However, perhaps Arthur Andersen's most surprising finding is that virtually all companies, 85 per cent, are now publishing almost every detail of each director's remuneration. A year ago, even the most diligent study of many companies' annual report and accounts left more questions than answers about board level remuneration matters.

Thus, Sir Richard's report has had a major impact on board remuneration practices in the UK in a relative short space of time, and not least on much-increased transparency of reporting.

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☐ Boardroom Pay in UK Quoted Companies 1996 *is available from Arthur Andersen, 1 Surrey Street, London, WC2R 2PS.*

Disclosure will force rivals to follow suit

THIS IS the season of results from accountancy firms. But this year there are two differences. First, the Big Six firms have abandoned the practice of contributing to a league table of results and will publish their own figures as and when they choose. And secondly, Stoy Hayward has issued much fuller figures than any other firm ever has, except for KPMG, which went for fuller disclosure last January when its audit division took on plc status.

Stoys is an individual firm. You could never mistake it for anyone else. Sometimes this works and sometimes it does not. At the height of the 1980s boom, it found that its tradition of erring on the side of what you might call ultra-entrepreneurial clients meant disaster after disaster as clients came unstuck and some found themselves in court. Being the auditors of Polly Peck at that time was not, hindsight notwithstanding, a clever thing to be.

But Stoys has fought back. It has always had a strong London partnership and it stands up for itself. The efforts to make its loss of the Royal Automobile Club audit to Price Waterhouse earlier this year into an issue that crystallised the fight between the medium-sized audit firms and the immense consultancy-driven muscle of the Big Six were admirable and courageous. At that time, many of its fellow medium-sized firms thought Stoy Hayward's efforts foolhardy. And doubtless some think the same of the publication of figures. But, as the aftermath of KPMG publishing its figures showed, the future judgment will be that this is the norm rather than an aberration. Stoys gives three reasons for publication. The first is that "we believe that we have an obligation to clients to be open about our finances", the second is that "we believe that secrecy can lead to misunderstandings" and the third is that "we want to encourage good reporting by accountancy firms".

For most of the firms, the first and third reasons are publicity-speak, however much they believe in them. The crucial reason is that of misunderstandings. Stoys knows this better than most. Back in the dark days of the Polly Peck business, it mistakenly opted for a strategy of refusing to comment as the drama unfolded. As a result, it took much flak and failed to get its side of the story across.

It learnt its lesson. Secrecy in that case led to misunderstandings. Now it has published more detailed figures than any of its direct competitors. The figures are not extensive. They do not rival the KPMG effort. But they do include figures for partners' income. And it is here that misunderstandings can occur. After the KPMG figures, which showed the senior partner to have remuneration of getting on for £740,000, it is important to note that the two highest earners at Stoys fell into the £250,001-£275,000 band and neither was Adrian Martin, the firm's managing partner.

The firm felt that getting across the earnings story was important. The partner average works out at £92,000. In Adrian Martin's words, "the KPMG figures meant that people thought that such earnings were true for everyone and that accountants could afford to take a hit on their fees".

Meanwhile, the wider point is also addressed. With the Big Six firms not taking part, the focus has shifted to the medium-sized firms. And it is obvious from the figures being released that times are certainly better. Fee growth such as 6.1 per cent from Pannell Kerr Forster, 5.6 per cent from Grant Thornton and 22 per cent from Smith & Williamson shows that the market is back on a growth course. But apart from Stoys, none of the other firms reports income and so rumours of low earnings persist, in spite of steady growth at Pannell Kerr Forster, for example. There is no way of assessing whether they are the sort of "misunderstanding" that Stoys now seeks to eliminate or are true. Equally, it is hard to assess from the other firms' figures what sort of state they are in to defend themselves against competition. The Big Six have targeted the medium-sized firms' market of owner-managed businesses as a source of growth. Only the most efficient and effective of the medium-sized firms will prosper or even survive in the competition to come. Stoys makes this point. Specifically, it points out that "we are proud of our achievement of acting as reporting accountants to more Alternative Investment Market flotations which raised new money than any other single firm of accountants in the ten months to April". That is carefully worded and doubtless other firms will challenge for the top AIM adviser listing, but it shows that Stoys has a good idea of what is needed and that it is fighting its corner.

The key to the fight for market share will be reputation. The third of the Stoys reasons for fuller disclosure, the need to encourage good reporting by accountancy firms, is part of that. "The professions all used to be respected in their local communities," said Martin, "but that respect and mutual trust have been gradually eroded." He believes that the step by Stoys, however small, is "a way of beginning to address that". The rest of Stoy Hayward's competitors need to follow suit.



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Shares higher in thin trading

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
558	482	Allied Domecq	476	+ ½	6.3	18.0
625	500	Bulmer (HP)	578	+ 1	5.7	18.1
731	597	Burn Stewart	640	+ 1	5.8	20.2
845	615	Glenmorangie A	676	+ 1	5.8	23.5
464	411	Grand Met	430	+ 1	5.2	17.1
852	685	Guinness	762	+ 2	4.5	16.9
377	315	Highland Dist	373		4.0	15.1
195	150	Macallan-Glen	176		2.7	17.4
893	856	Matthew Clark	876		1.0	36.1
139	93	Morgan W	132	- 1	3.5	
2612½	1709½	SA Brewers	1968½	+ 12½	1.3	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
3616½	2745½	ABN-AMRO	3484½	- 34½	3.9	12.2
663	529	Abbey Nat	646	- 4½	5.0	10.5
386	322	Allied Irish	348		5.0	10.1
336	285	Anz New Z	287	- 1	6.5	7.0
5243½	3843½	Bank America	4950	- 1		
316	235½	Bank Scotland	298	- 2	3.8	
819	661	Barclays	777	- 2	4.5	12.7
488	422	Bk of Ireland	458		4.3	
482	387	Cater Allen	387	- 2	9.7	6.4
5666½	4031½	Citicorp	5425	- 6½		
382	318	Close Bros	378		3.0	16.6
2157½	2132½	Comerzbk	2133½	- 9½		
1350	1159½	Da Ichi Kan Y	1195½	+ 16½	0.4	
3412½	2978½	Deutsche Bk	3029½	+ 16½	2.5	
6031½	5031½	Espirito Santo	7655		4.7	10.2
1507	1265½	Fuji Bank Y	1400½	+ 15½	0.4	
473	386	Genoese Nat	398		7.6	11.9
252	198	Hambros	231		4.1	
1135½	991	HSBC	1094	- ½	4.0	10.7
1099½	930	HSBC HK	1066	- 6½	4.1	10.5
421	386	Irish Perm	396½	+ 3	3.2	10.8
176	148	King Shaxson	171		6.6	13.3
355	315	Lloyds J	338		5.5	14.7
3471½	2941½	Lloyds TSB	3321½	- 3½	4.1	12.7
643	576	Nat Aust Bk	596	- 3½	3.7	12.9
711	608	Nat West	623½	+ 2½	5.0	9.8
56	48	Nat Westmin	54		4.2	10.7
588	469	Rbs Scot	526	+ 6	4.1	17.6
1388	1186	Rbsmidlnts	1350	- 3	3.5	18.8
1158	980	Schroders N/V	1080	- 3	4.6	16.4
116	89½	Singer & Fried	115	+ 3	4.3	9.5
672	547	Standard Chart	665	- 3	2.1	14.5
105	85½	Ulster	97		5.6	9.3
2174½	2131½	Wells Fargo	2159½	+ 9½	2.1	
3092½	2564	Westpac	2987½		5.1	
365	298	Wilkinsn	303		4.8	17.3

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
59	36	Allrds Blk HD	36			7.9
375	263	Ascot Hldgs	374			
822	702	Bass	803	+ 8	3.6	17.7
77	49	Bik for Ba Bdr	49		5.2	10.5
178	141	Bushmend Dew	165		4.2	15.7
124½	92	City Centre Rest	124	+ 5	2.3	23.4
603	463	Compass Gp	603		1.6	20.0
363	290	Enrdge P 'A'/C	363		2.3	23.8
518	473	Fuller Sm 'A'/C	518	+ 5	2.1	20.4
351	251	Greenalls Grp†	351	+ 1½	3.2	15.5
696	564	Greene King	688		3.7	16.4
386	324	Grosvenor Inns	385		2.4	30.3
352	284	Gropc Chez Ger	298		1.2	26.2
357	308	Healy Hmsn	308		4.2	11.3
230	155	Hilton Nat	210		3.5	12.7
3475	3085	Hsbc Jl	3150		2.2	17.7
70	45	Ira Business	64			
365	313	Mansfield	364	+ 3	2.1	
353½	307	Marston Thmp	346		2.6	16.3
673	535	Maxwell	647	- 7	2.7	10.5
147	118	My Kinds Town	141		2.7	13.9
8½	4½	Paramount†	8½		4.4	10.0
156	123	Pelican Gp	153		1.3	25.7
415	217	Pizza Express	405	+ 2	0.7	42.1
245	205	Ramsdens Fd	240	- 13	1.5	43.0
256	198½	Regent Inns	248		2.4	13.7
700	599	Scot & Nwc	684	- 1	3.4	18.4
385	295	Sth Coleorgh	296	- 7	1.3	
313	268	Spirit Group†	283½	- 1½	4.8	14.6
1094	840	Wetherspoon JD	1004	+ 10	1.0	18.7
758	672	Whitbread†	727	+ 1	3.8	15.7
682	578	Wolverhmpn Dr	635	+ 1	3.1	14.5
407	297	Yates Bros	398		1.0	36.3
645	425	Young 'A'	640	+ 2	3.0	

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
33	17½	AAF Inds	30		3.0	11.2
175	135	Abbey	172		3.8	11.2
308	216	Allen	294		2.8	21.9
31	20	Amec†	115	- 1	3.3	22.9
448	233	Andrews Sykes	410	- 38	1.2	
200	160	Ashtead	187		1.7	16.2
38	26	Avenside	38		3.3	
31	24	Bailey (Geo Cony	29½	+ ½	4.6	12.0
56	34	Barcrest	54	- 1	1.6	
261	219	Barratt Dev	259		3.1	15.9
213	165	Bazaar Homes	185½	- ½	4.0	15.0
344	248	Bellway†	331½	+ 2½	2.9	16.5
21	17	Berkeley	20			
597	465	Berkeley Gp	592		1.7	18.2
145	105	Bett Bros	140		4.9	5.9
250	175	Bovis (Henry)	232		4.0	10.0
123	91	Brandon Hirst	123		2.3	18.1
27	19	Britannia Grp	24		8.3	
54	31	Br Bldg & Eng	54			
126	104	Bryant	121	- 2	5.2	14.6
106	88	CALA	103		3.8	11.8
32	18	Camplin & Ann	12			9.5
32	27	Carlis T	32		9.8	
78	70	Costain	78			
58	36	Countryside	70	- 1	5.1	
54½	42	Crest Nicholson	54		3.3	25.2
72½		Cuadra	84	- 1	3.8	
118	78	Do Group	135		8.3	7.3
15		Galliford	21		6.5	45.5
733	633	Gleeson (M.J.)	658		2.1	15.9
48	38	Green (Eng)	46		7.0	
265	196½	Hawtkins Evans	265		1.3	25.1
386	324	Grosvenor Inns	385		2.4	30.3
352	284	Gropc Chez Ger	298		1.2	26.2
357	308	Healy Hmsn	308		4.2	11.3
230	155	Hilton Nat	210		3.5	12.7
3475	3085	Hsbc Jl	3150		2.2	17.7
70	45	Ira Business	64			
365	313	Mansfield	364	+ 3	2.1	
353½	307	Marston Thmp	346		2.6	16.3
673	535	Maxwell	647	- 7	2.7	10.5
147	118	My Kinds Town	141		2.7	13.9
8½	4½	Parramount†	8½		4.4	10.0
156	123	Pelican Gp	153		1.3	25.7
415	217	Pizza Express	405	+ 2	0.7	42.1
245	205	Ramsdens Fd	240	- 13	1.5	43.0
256	198½	Regent Inns	248		2.4	13.7
700	599	Scot & Nwc	684	- 1	3.4	18.4
385	295	Sth Coleorgh	296	- 7	1.3	
313	268	Spirit Group†	283½	- 1½	4.8	14.6
1094	840	Wetherspoon JD	1004	+ 10	1.0	18.7
758	672	Whitbread†	727	+ 1	3.8	15.7
682	578	Wolverhmpn Dr	635	+ 1	3.1	14.5
407	297	Yates Bros	398		1.0	36.3
645	425	Young 'A'	640	+ 2	3.0	

BUILDING MATERIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
15	5½	Aldridge(m)A	8			
342	284	BPB Ind	316	- 2	3.7	14.7
424	97	Baggeridge Bk	119	+ 1	3.3	32.7
42	31	Bardon	36		6.4	
65	42	Blockleys	58			
222	177	Brown Clarkstr	202		4.3	19.7
97	77	Brunner PLC	97		3.6	14.7
136	108	Br Dredging	127		5.5	14.7
173	140	Cape	165	- 1	5.8	17.3
247	195	Caradon	234	- 1	5.1	33.2
127	106	Carados pl	117½		7.7	
91	69	Chrwdsln Ab	84		3.7	15.1
195	159	Chrwdsln (UKA)	185		6.3	6.5
85	70	Dyson 'A'	79	- 1	5.3	14.5
303	250	Ennstat	301		5.0	16.4
52	39	Ennstone	51			
1109	930	Hanson	1092	+ 1	4.4	10.7
429	386	Hanson (A/V)	386	+ 4	4.4	17.2
348	279	Hanson Grp	342	+ 1	4.4	17.2
229	191	Hepworth	222	+ 3	3.1	13.6
97	77	Hickson	97		5.2	13.0
295	236	Hillsdown Hldn	236		7.2	13.0
79	60	Ibstock	73	+ ½	3.4	10.3
335	265	Johnson	475	+ 5	2.9	
81	54	Lilleshall	74		4.2	9.5
111	89	Marley	108		3.9	15.8
148	114	Marshalls	148	- 2	3.9	
471	372	Meyer Int	411	- 4	3.6	
145	114	Norman Tate	130		6.6	15.3
106	83	Norcros	101			25.0
23	16	Pochin Timber	20			
202	182	Pilkington	197	- 1	3.0	11.7
174	139	Polypipe	203		3.0	18.8
1108	959	RMC Gp	1011	+ 2	3.7	14.3
134	108	Ransomes	121	+ 1	5.2	15.2
172	147	Redland	162	- 1	5.4	
140	102	Rugby Group	139		3.7	11.8
131	113	Russell (A)	126	+ 1	5.7	11.3
265	196	SIG	257		3.9	
4p	1p	SWP	1½p			
172	156	Sharpe & Fisher	163		3.4	15.8
238	175	Spang Ram	219		4.4	
175	133	Staveley Inds	170	- 2	6.2	18.0
147	107	Tarmac	135		4.8	13.6
50	38	Tarmac Pefrns	43		2.7	18.5
51	39	Taylor	51		3.4	16.8
48	43½	Wolseley†	47½	- 1	2.6	16.7

CHEMICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
188	156	Allegrd & Wil	183	- 2	4.5	16.4
139	125	Allied Colloids	135		2.7	22.7
210	160	Anglo Am Ind	195		1.9	
108	86	Ashland-Su Gp	96		3.1	
2188½	1749½	BASF Dfd	1785	+119½	3.3	
948	872	BOC†	905	+ 5	3.8	17.6
310	265	BTP	286	- 2	4.8	16.6
2295½	1716½	Bayer DM50	2140½	- 9½	29.7	
112	78	Bond Chems	105	- 1	2.4	
224	195	Br Vita	218	- 2	4.5	17.7
258	192	Courtaulds (W)	238	+ 4	3.9	16.7
480	401	Courtaulds†	438	- 1	4.6	21.3
400	311	Croda†	392		3.8	15.6
398	298	Dextra	388		0.9	23.1
295	246	Elks & Everard	282	+ 2	3.9	
94	67	Enro Colour	72		4.7	12.5
197	164	Gibbon	175		3.3	22.7
93	74	Hickson	214½		5.5	
2381½	1780	Hoechst	2138	- ½	4.5	16.3
166	102	Holliday Chem	138	- ½	4.5	11.9
958	758	ICI	833	- 5	2.9	12.6
402	260	Inspec	398		4.3	
147	111	Kalon	136	- 1	4.0	17.3
782	659	Laporte	719	- 1	4.0	12.2
335	265	Mondion	287	+ 2	5.4	13.6
98	78	Monsanto	98		6.5	
41	37	Matrotest	39		1.6	28.7
743	545	Pamot	635	+ 5	3.3	16.6
245	221	Scapa	236	+ 1	1.9	36.9
34	26	Sutcliffe Speak	30		2.3	16.0
1148½	982½	Tokyo Chem	1119	+ 46½	0.7	15.9
1133	988	Wickhidlsn H	1035	- 3	2.9	16.5
366	255	Yorks Chem	260	- 1	3.8	18.5
399	305	Yule Catto†	395	- ½	2.5	19.5

DISTRIBUTORS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
121	97	ABI Lest	102		5.3	12.2
455	368	Adam & Harvey	369	- 2	6.7	4.8
18	14	Alexandrs	17		7.1	12.5
113	98	Applegrn	109		2.8	
4	3½	Arbs Pr Grp	3½		2.3	
630	505	BSS Group	630		4.2	
36	24	Bissit	29½	- 1	6.6	16.8
24	16	Bearing Power	23½		2.0	14.9
45	23	Bogod 'A'	45			

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
568	476	Bunzl†	556		3.2	
22	16	Bridport Gp	20		1.3	
213	76	Brit Polythene	113		4.8	15.5
280	255	Cookson	280		5.1	19.6
169	105	Coneticut	169		2.4	30.3
1197½	1029½	Dalg Mason	1150		5.9	
1063	1029½	Delaware El	1053		3.1	14.0
401	328	Dickinson	394		4.1	13.6
1314	1091	Eurotnl Ltd	1206	- 3½	4.2	
1076	76	Exco	124			14.8
1076	784	Exmoor	998		6.6	8.4
297	252	Expro Holdings	263		5.6	15.4
67	50	Fin Technol	57		8.7	
436	248	Fredk Hldgs	267		2.1	19.7
147	118	Hanson Trust	141	- 2	7.9	13.7
8½	4½	Hardy Oil	5½			
173	156	Hunt (C)	167½	- 1½	7.3	10.4
358	268	IT Group	352½	- 2½	1.3	25.7
2944½	2403½	Tomkins	2924	+ 6	4.9	14.0
295	245	Unstone	248		9.0	8.4
470	365	Wagtls (Sweys)	460	- 1	3.0	18.4
315	254	Wassall	298	- 1	2.3	16.0
337	193	Williamsn Hldg	208		3.0	
356	310½	Williams Hldg	343	- 2	5.2	15.8

ELECTRICITY

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
737	542	East Midlands	544	- 10	7.6	4.9
673	643	London Elect	692	- 1	6.5	7.9
448	325	Midlands Elec	418½	- 5½	5.5	10.6
208	158½	Northern Elec	175	+ 6	7.3	8.6
1188	1015	Norweb	1079		6.5	10.4
481	396	Nat Power PLC	395	+ 9	5.6	9.8
724	539	Northern Elec	559	+ 4	7.6	7.9
456	393	Nthn Ireland	432	- 1	6.7	7.1
825	652	PowerGen	662	- 5	5.7	8.3
372	303	Provincial (P/P)	324	- 1	5.2	8.5
711	577	Hydro-Elec	707	- 1	5.8	8.5
403	307	Scottish Power	314	+ 6	6.4	9.0
910	697	Southern Elec	706	- 2	7.1	7.9
910	668	Yorkshire Elec	756	+ 9	6.0	7.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
563	352	Acal	561		1.9	
311	185	Action Comp	285	+ 1		
280	163½	Admiral	280	+ 2	0.8	34.5
2189½	151	Amstrad	151	+ 1	2.3	
52	33	Anite	52	+ 1	1.7	
1845	110	Aslec	157½	- 2	12.2	21.5
755	469	Atlas	755	+ 30	0.6	
360	276	BICC†	338	+ 5	4.5	
295	195	Bowtex Hunter	295		6.3	30.8
558	445	Brlec	555	+ 5	3.1	16.1
464	383	Brdcst(Hldgs)	461		3.3	20.0
24½	15½	Bridge (M) 'A'	15½	- 1½	3.7	
133	113	CML Micro©	114	+ 1	7.1	
37	24	Chrwell Hldgs	37		4.5	16.1
39½	29½	Chloride	29½		1.4	37.8
77	58	Clarkelec	74	+ 2	5.1	13.0
84	58	Dley Elect	45		4.2	
848	555	Dialight A	805	- 7	1.5	26.4
464	375	Diplex Br Sys	458	+ 12	0.3	
464	375	Dwkyl	460	- 1	3.2	20.0
450	400	Domara	400		3.2	37.5
3590	1541	Dowding Mills	3450		0.5	37.0
3451½	2816½	Electrocomps	3265½	- 43½	1.4	16.3
38½	30½	Elcom	34½	- ½	3.2	20.5
1516½	1125	Ericsson 'B'	1493½	- 9½	1.1	27.5
92	65	Eurocorp	92		3.6	14.8
645	542	Filtronic	635		1.5	24.0
698	533	Fisher Group†	698	- 2	0.3	50.4
497	386	Filtronic Com	478	- 2	0.3	
1090	629	Forward Sys†	1085		0.9	
101	71	Forward Tech	76		4.5	11.2
391	341	GEC	378	+ 2	3.6	21.3
101	93½	Gresby	100		4.5	13.3
152	105	Grnd Control	140		3.4	29.7
38½	35	Hadek	36	- 1	2.8	45.7
131	97	Hsde	122		1.6	15.3
57	34	IPA Ind	54		3.7	12.4
290	280	IMO Instr©	280		2.1	17.0
180	108	Magnum Power©	120	- 3		
288	248	Marlon-Sw	256		3.3	18.1
73	48	Microvitec†	70½	- 1½	1.5	12.4
472	349	Mtel	452	- 17		
69	36	Nestronics	58	- 4	1.6	
543	465	Oxford Inst	506	- 4	1.6	
180	122	Pace Systems©	140	+ 6	3.0	
131	97	Redc	127		3.1	
358	268	TT Group	352½		1.7	
2945½	2435½	Towerbss	2924	+ 6	4.9	14.0
298	240	Unidare	248		9.0	8.4
470	365	Wyndle (Stevns)	460		3.0	18.4
315	254	Wassall	298	- 1	2.3	16.0
337	193	Wilkinsn Hldg	208		3.0	
356	310½	Williams Hldg	343	- 2	5.2	15.8

ENGINEERING

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
383	277	AIM	346	+ 5	1.6	
98½	66	APV	66		5.1	19.0
96	70	ASW	78		6.4	
457	395	Alumasc	440	- 3	2.2	19.4
178	118	Ansell	178	+ 1	2.4	17.8
207	178	Ash & Lacy	178	+ 1	3.7	14.5
638	636	Aztec Group	753		3.7	19.9
148	115	Aquatec Metal†	120	+ 2	5.7	
351	304	BBA	307	- 1	4.6	15.4
161	118	B Group	130		4.6	13.5
165	133	BMI	149		4.0	15.2
145	98	Babcock	95		3.2	
7½	6	Bailey (Ch)	7			
144	98	Bamfds (Charles)	140		2.2	21.0
41	28	Beaufort	36½	+ ½		
128	98	Bremner Group	98	- 3	7.0	
105	94	Bulten	94		3.6	17.9
564	403	Bodycote†	546		1.5	25.7
49	36	Booth Inds	46			
238	177	Bredero†	229½	+ 1	3.4	15.8
117	97	Brdcst	117		4.7	25.7
970	787	Br Aerospace	970	+ 16	1.6	34.1
201	161	Br Steel	179	+ 2½	5.9	12.2
151	115	Brooke Tool	144		2.0	12.1
41	29	Brunel	31½	- ½	2.5	15.2
94	74	Bullough	80		7.1	22.5
143	92	Burnfield	126		3.3	14.9
315	203	Carclo Eng	308		4.2	15.7
331	171	Cavenge	330	- 1	2.4	
158	140	Chamberlin Hbt	150		6.7	
455	358	Chrmwd	451	+ 2	3.0	12.7
290	195	Clyde Blowout	281		3.0	
471	401	Coblenz†	413	- 4	2.8	
635	555	Coban (A)	555	- 10	2.3	
186	164	Concentric†	186		4.5	12.8
215	164	Cook (Wm)	204		3.9	10.9
295	199	Dowd Brown†	239	- 2	4.3	14.3
395	265	Dwr	369		1.6	10.7
31	17	Escort	17			
74	54	Elliott (B)	113	+ 7	3.4	
112	82	Expamet	101		3.7	20.6
153	118	FII	151	- 2	3.7	15.2
191	164	Fenner	157	- 1	5.0	14.8
8	1½	Ferrum	5½			
86	38	Finn Hldgs	86			37.0
67	54	Firth Rogers	57		2.4	23.5
174	57	Firth Sheffld	143		3.1	14.2
187	141	Gec Inr	187		3.4	17.0
176½	140½	Gurton Engt	148		3.4	15.0
328	243½	Gyrowheel	325		5.1	9.1
17	13½	Gregg(Alex)	15½		3.2	15.1
719	719	Hadm Machint	719		2.1	15.9
244	191	Hadleigh	244		3.7	18.5
270	177	Hall Eng	270		1.6	23.2
183	166	Helvo	183		1.6	23.2
98	68	Hampson Ind	98		0.9	14.0
23	19	Hay (Maxwell)	23	- 1		24.7
38	30	Heidbery	38		1.0	39.5
117	95½	Hill & Smith	109		4.6	11.7
51	35	Hopkinsons	45		3.4	26.5
34	24	How Gpt	41		5.9	9.0
78	65½	Howden	68		6.9	15.7
232	182	Hunting†	232		3.7	16.5
311	241	IMI	311		4.1	13.6
638	510	Johnson Matth	638	+ 3	3.0	18.6
55	43	Jones Shpmn†	55			11.8
453	365	Kelsey Ind†	440	- 2	6.2	13.6
236	226	Lincat	226		4.5	12.5
288	226	Lindsr (T)	265		1.5	34.9
35	23½	Lk Ind	35		4.2	12.7
479	34	MS Intl	34		2.3	
367	272	Marg Rovac	335	+ 2	2.1	14.2
324	269	Micrfocscnt	276	- 1	4.0	20.9
109½	84	Morgan†	103		4.8	16.6
128	98	Morlnd V	113		3.9	14.1
113	88	Mitchell	106		3.9	
1637	765	Mallins	955		2.5	
447	384	Morgan Chlst	442		3.9	17.5
350	254	Morris Ashby	285		3.1	14.8
57	46	Newbond	48		3.9	10.2
17	12½	Oriel Saf	12½			
480½	374	Powerscreen	480	+ 1	2.4	7.8
6½	4	Prosnect Inds	5½		2.8	

INSURANCE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
1431½	1175	Alln & Alexr	1375		0.5	
2487½	2162½	Am Gen	2362½	- 12½	3.5	
122	97	Angleterre	121		3.5	62.3
80	60	Archerf	78		1.3	
76	64	Brdcstck	72		10.1	11.8
871	748	Britannic	863	- 2	3.5	11.8
1128	959	Cgu	1116		3.4	12.6
1111	1111	Cin Incnc	1111		4.5	11.7
1545	1305	Dom & Gen	1545		2.4	17.8
213	185½	FBD Hl	213		3.7	
1258	1058	Fenchurch Gp	1258		3.3	17.7
1295	1105	Finsbury Units	1295		1.7	64.8
201	161	Gn Accident	161		3.7	7.8
151½	115	Gracechrch	115		3.4	12.1
143	92	Guard	92		3.3	14.9
113	84	Gulbenkn	113		4.2	15.7
315	203	Hcg Lloyds	315		3.4	38.1
111	74	Hsmth C E	111		3.3	14.9
305½	237½	Hiltonsun &l	305½	+ 2½	3.3	
1377	1172½	Hsdlmoor	1329	+ 2	3.0	
9650	8575	Universr (UW)	8940½	- 143½	2.6	
274	217½	Ind Becwtts†	229		5.6	
34	28	Wl Fredk	29		6.0	
92	72	Yorkshire Fod	74		6.6	

HEALTHCARE

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Vld %	PE
1077	818	Amersham	1026	- 15	2.2	19.2
1100	810	Amgen	1068	- 6		
448½	315	Bespak	406		3.1	28.1
540½	385½	Biocompo Int	444	- 6		
101	74	Care UK	101	+ 2	1.0

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01695 229 783

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Grofund Amer	223.50	235.50	+ 0.40	0.14
Grofund Equity	272.20	288.60†	+ 2.30	1.85
Grofund Euro	272.40	288.20	+ 1.20	0.57
Grofund Eqd Bal	133.20	138.00	...	2.55
Grofund Gilt	76.68	79.05	+ 0.07	6.57
Grofund Japan	104.50	105.30	+ 1.10	...

AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS
01203 553 231

General Acc	653.00	694.70	+ 5.60	2.48
General Inc	554.60	590.30	+ 4.80	2.48
UK Equity Acc	443.40	471.80	+ 3.50	3.59
UK Equity Inc	391.20	309.60	+ 2.30	2.88
Higher Inc Acc	786.90	837.20	+ 4.20	4.11
Higher Inc Inc	628.20	668.70	+ 2.30	4.11
Gilt&Fxd Int Acc	365.60	217.10	+ 0.20	5.63
Gilt&Fxd Int Inc	92.25	97.46	+ 0.13	5.63
Nth America	362.90	417.70	- 1.50	...
Eurpne	361.10	384.20	+ 1.10	0.38
Int'l Equity	88.05	93.57†	+ 0.68	2.87
Int'l Fxd Int Acc	113.90	120.80	+ 0.50	4.81
Int'l Fxd Int Inc	77.80	82.77	+ 0.34	4.81
Global Opps	108.00	114.90†	+ 0.60	0.07
Balanced Acc	63.00	67.03	+ 0.32	2.59
Balanced Inc	59.80	63.41	+ 0.29	2.59
Japan Acc	49.20	52.35	+ 0.76	...
Pac Basin Acc	418.50	446.00	- 2.20	0.84

ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS
0345 717 373

Gilts & Fixed Int	127.60	135.40†	+ 0.30	7.39
High Inc Equity	183.20	195.90	+ 0.80	4.40
Worldwide Bond	294.00	301.10†	+ 0.30	4.65
American Growth	377.10	403.30	+ 1.00	0.19
Asian Pacific	348.60	372.60	- 0.30	0.06
Assets & Earnings	307.90	327.60†	+ 1.30	2.66
Euro Capital Acc	183.60	195.30	+ 0.80	0.61
Extra Inc	43.72	46.51†	+ 0.10	8.13
General	280.30	298.30	+ 1.70	2.94
Global Opps	70.58	75.09	+ 0.30	0.53
Japan	129.20	138.20	+ 1.50	...
Managed Inc	48.21	51.29†	+ 0.15	4.53
Mastertrust	171.00	182.00	+ 0.70	1.34
US Emerging Cos	225.90	240.30	+ 1.80	...
Ethical	92.06	97.90†	+ 0.23	2.57
International	143.00	152.10	+ 0.50	0.26
Dividend & Growth	93.99	73.07	+ 0.30	4.20
Global Gwth & Inc	72.95	77.91	+ 0.02	2.46
Latin America	64.55	68.67	- 0.52	...
Capital Reserve	144.00	144.00	...	5.21

ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0131 220 0733

UK Small Cos	2377.00	2464.00	...	...

ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0800 833 388

Aware Gen & Growth	68.06	72.41	- 0.03	0.49
Emerging Mkts	73.78	77.77	- 0.32	0.04
European	152.40	160.50	- 0.39	...
Exempt	1000.00	1197.00	- 1.30	2.55
Extra Income #	47.33	50.72†	+ 0.05	8.53
Far East Emg Eco	126.10	142.90	- 0.30	0.44
Fixed Interest #	25.06	26.66†	+ 0.07	9.25
Fund Inv Tst	156.60	164.60	+ 0.20	9.32
Japan	195.10	202.90	- 2.30	...
Latin American	58.14	61.64	- 0.66	0.81
Pacific	87.46	91.77	+ 0.01	0.29
Property Shares	68.58	71.98	- 0.05	2.44
UK Emerging Cos	75.63	81.76	+ 0.14	0.19
UK Growth	52.44	55.43	+ 0.23	2.12
Aber World Port #	92.03	83.65‡	+ 0.17	1.87
Ethical	78.39	81.53†	+ 0.15	2.16
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.12	50.12‡	+ 0.05	7.49

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AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
0171 256 5868

Restd Property #	94.71	101.70		5.12

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
01462 305 958

Annty Income	90.85	96.39	+ 0.13	2.83
Income Builder Inc	79.64	84.72†	+ 0.56	2.81

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
IFA dlg: 01793 610 396 Client dlg: 01793 514 514

Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	276.60	295.60	+ 1.50	3.14
Capital	488.00	539.20	+ 2.20	1.19
Balanced	681.00	695.20†	+ 3.90	2.45
Accumulator	1545.00	1651.00†	+ 7.00	1.89
Income Trusts				
American Income	91.68	95.16	+ 0.01	2.45
High Income	448.70	472.60	+ 1.80	3.95
Eamley Income	253.30	270.70	+ 1.10	3.91
High Yield	270.30	286.80†	+ 1.30	4.05
Govt Securities	33.40	35.24†		5.20
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	217.00	231.50	- 0.80	0.05
European Growth	54.07	57.80	- 0.26	0.07
International	195.10	208.30	+ 1.00	0.11
Japan	221.70	236.80	+ 2.00	...
Pacific	437.10	467.20	+ 1.30	...
Smlr Cos of America	592.70	634.50†	+ 1.80	0.12
Worldw Asset Val	57.94	61.93	+ 0.26	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	616.90	658.40†	+ 2.40	1.53
Cons & Gen	46.44	52.65	+ 0.15	4.10
Smaller Cos	229.60	235.80	+ 0.10	0.95
2nd Smaller Cos	209.40	223.80	...	0.83
Recovery	169.90	181.60†	+ 0.80	1.55
Mid Mkt & Cnty	176.40	188.50†	- 1.40	0.16
Dynas Earnings	413.20	442.00	...	1.12
Technology	235.20	251.40	+ 0.30	...
UK Special Sits	577.70	617.50	- 0.50	1.01

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
01293 525 911

Colmnd Dst Pens	118.70	121.10	...	3.04
Foreign Pens Pens	70.21	72.94	...	1.44

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
0171 600 0033

Capital	81.16	86.36	+ 1.06	1.64
International	70.97	75.50	+ 0.17	...

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
0131 222 4242

America	348.60	372.50	- 1.60	...
Bond	155.50	171.50†	+ 0.30	6.68
Brit Smlr Cos	126.70	135.70	+ 0.30	1.65
Conv & Gen #	74.49	79.24	+ 0.14	4.98
Europe	280.20	297.10	+ 0.70	0.57
Euro Smlr Cos	126.00	133.90	- 0.10	0.63
Income Gwth	379.80	404.00†	+ 0.60	4.33
Japan	342.30	363.90	+ 2.70	...
Latin American	83.62	88.65†	+ 0.76	0.86
Pacific	119.20	126.80	- 0.10	1.17
Property Shares	98.58	71.98	- 0.05	2.44
UK Smlr Cos	75.65	81.76	+ 0.14	0.19
UK Growth	52.44	55.43	+ 0.23	2.12
Japan Fd	711.70	732.90	+ 3.00	...
Mngd Fd	200.70	213.10	+ 0.90	2.84

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD
0171 489 6873

Bal & Comm	373.80	395.40	...	0.89
Capital Gwth	125.90	133.50	...	0.47
Wrldw Oppt	225.40	238.40	...	0.87

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
01481 734 5544

Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	413.60	439.80‡	+ 2.30	2.44
European Bd Inc	99.26	99.62	...	6.48
Exempt	89.13	94.80	+ 0.52	2.97
Financial	98.00	102.20†	+ 0.30	2.69
500	534.90	576.20	- 0.30	2.29
General	319.40	341.90	+ 1.90	2.50
Property	299.60	297.90†	...	6.32
Trustee	221.20	236.50	+ 1.30	3.29
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	+ 0.10	5.26
Extra Income #	134.90	144.90	+ 0.60	4.85
Gilt & Fxd Int	97.02	99.02‡	+ 0.13	8.66
Income #	595.70	637.60†	+ 2.00	4.62
Income Builder #	69.01	73.81	+ 0.22	5.37
Intl Income	70.71	75.22	+ 0.26	2.64
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	138.50	147.70	+ 1.00	2.16
Inflation	179.60	191.40	+ 1.30	0.66
Recovery	485.10	518.80	+ 2.40	2.64
Smlr Cos Inc	82.00	86.49	- 0.05	7.86
Special Sits	388.10	416.10	+ 1.40	0.90
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	173.30	184.20†	- 0.10	0.01
Aust Acc	285.20	304.30	- 3.30	1.91
Aust Inc	170.50	182.00†	- 1.90	1.91
Euro Smlr Cos	192.40	204.30	+ 0.50	0.72
Far East Acc	267.40	280.70	+ 0.80	0.72
Japan & Gen Inc	182.60	172.10	+ 1.70	...
Japan Spec Sits	184.50	174.10	+ 1.70	...
Worldwide	203.10	215.60	+ 0.70	0.51

BARING FUND MANGERS LTD
0171 214 1004

American Growth	135.70	140.30	+ 0.20	...
Amer Smlr Cos	169.70	180.70	+ 0.50	...
Commodities	81.13	85.55	+ 0.21	4.50
Eastern	315.50	342.30	+ 1.80	0.36
Equity Income	96.55	103.20	+ 0.50	3.88
European Growth	373.70	396.70†	+ 1.40	0.86
Europe	358.20	381.20†	+ 1.50	0.61
German Growth	90.86	98.15	+ 0.45	0.50
Global Bond	70.30	73.97	+ 0.13	6.50
Global Growth	148.70	158.10	+ 0.70	0.40
Japan Growth	207.70	221.60	+ 1.30	...
Japan Smlrs	174.30	185.40	+ 0.90	...
Korea Trust	75.99	82.46	- 1.78	...
Portfolio	147.20	157.60	+ 0.60	2.30
-do- Accum	275.80	295.10	+ 1.20	2.30
UK Growth	101.70	109.00	+ 0.70	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	101.90	109.30	+ 0.70	2.50
Select Managers	90.67	97.30	+ 0.25	1.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
0171 250 3000

Intl Gwth Port Inc	90.52	96.31	...	...
Special Oppor Inc	82.57	88.56	...	...

BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD
0141 223 6020

Balanced Growth	138.72	146.19	...	1.33
-do- Accum	153.85	162.15	...	1.33
Smaller Cos	159.13	169.29†	...	0.46
Higher Yield #	35.92	38.17	...	9.76
American Gth Inc	103.45	109.47	...	...
European Growth	186.56	176.25	...	0.10
-do- Accum	169.56	179.62	...	0.10
Global Bond Inc #	26.06	26.98†	...	6.62
Mngd Pfolio Inc	54.61	57.13	...	1.29
-do- Accum	56.66	59.68	...	1.29
Intl Spec Discs	172.25	182.50	...	...
Pacific Gth	154.40	163.39	...	...
UK Special #	94.16	99.64	...	2.64
-do- Accum #	99.12	104.89	...	2.64
Japan	62.34	65.97	...	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	97.96	101.53‡	...	8.70

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
01771 460 7216

Short Dated Gilt	65.35	66.18	+ 0.08	6.51

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
0161 837 5060

Envirco	192.00	202.10†	+ 0.20	1.78
UK Growth	205.50	216.40	+ 1.30	2.06
Uk Income	144.10	151.70	+ 0.50	4.50

CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD
01707 892 100

Can Cen Dist	233.70	247.70	+ 1.80	1.69
-do- Income Dist	121.90	129.10†	+ 0.80	3.87
-do- Accum	398.90	414.30	+ 2.40	3.87
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.53	42.59	+ 0.16	6.39
Growth Units	249.10	262.10	+ 2.00	2.01
Bond	173.70	182.80	+ 0.30	7.38
Ind Growth	253.20	266.30†	+ 0.50	0.20
North American	267.20	278.10	- 0.50	0.15
Far East	316.20	336.20	- 2.10	0.56
UK Smaller Cos	236.90	253.40†	+ 0.40	0.77
European	96.90	103.90	+ 0.30	0.78
Japanese Growth	58.29	53.39	...	...
High Income	212.10	226.80	+ 1.60	4.18

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455

American Gen	127.70	94.60	- 0.60	...
Eastbridge Inc	94.58	100.08	+ 0.63	0.73
Smaller Cos (4-1)	111.00	118.10	- 0.23	1.30
Growth	537.10	571.40	+ 5.30	1.57
Income & Growth #	456.20	484.50	+ 2.20	3.87
-do- Accum #	672.80	715.80	+ 3.30	3.87
Japan & Gen	73.05	77.51	+ 0.77	...
Master Portfolio	£117.12	£124.61	+$0.00	1.95
-do- Accum	£143.61	£148.26	+£2.00	1.93
Special Sits	124.60	132.80	+ 0.50	1.61
High Yield	£14.56	£15.62‡	+ 0.00	4.40

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Cazenove Portfolio	181.40	196.19	+ 0.21	2.37
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High Income	50.71	54.02‡	+ 0.02	7.49
Japanese Portfolio	72.75	77.30	+ 0.66	...
Pacific Portfolio	158.42	170.35†	- 0.61	1.26
UK Equity	97.94	103.61	+ 0.52	3.09
UK Equity & Bd	88.01	90.36	+ 0.24	7.72

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Inv Fund	739.71	760.89	- 0.94	4.35
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Fixed Int Inc	125.44	126.84	+ 0.73	9.21
Fixed Int Acc	218.31	219.19	+ 1.27	...

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Balanced Intl	86.01	90.63	- 0.39	3.27
Bank Sto-Tech	49.58	53.53‡	...	...
Aqua Ethical Tst	185.61	195.12‡	...	0.56
City Fin Assets	81.80	85.95‡	...	1.98
City Fin America	121.34	127.42	- 2.17	...
City Fin Int	92.84	97.60‡	- 0.26	0.44
City Fin Japan	159.49	167.48	+ 0.78	...
Finsbury Hse Cap	338.58	347.88	...	2.16
Finsbury Hse Inc	185.36	207.83‡	...	3.91
Barclay Wrld Gth	154.41	163.67	- 0.39	...
J Sol Inc/Gth Inc	55.92	58.72‡	...	3.25

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Emerging Markets	59.57	62.14	- 0.08	...

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American Gwth	83.74	88.09	- 0.03	...
Dragon Growth	74.97	78.43	- 0.58	0.57
Equity High Inc	88.30	92.80‡	+ 0.47	4.16
-do- Income	127.05	135.17	+ 0.67	4.16
Euro Income Inc	26.09	27.46	+ 0.04	7.59
Euro Income Acc	27.99	29.37	+ 0.04	7.58
European Gwth	83.69	87.58	+ 0.57	0.71
Pacific Gwth	93.77	98.58	+ 0.80	...
General Equity	101.72	107.93	+ 0.62	2.86
Japan Growth	54.71	58.20	+ 0.62	...
Pacific Gwth	83.55	87.81	+ 0.26	2.39
Pref Fund Inc	49.86	52.21‡	+ 0.06	1.36
-do- Accum	53.04	55.80	+ 0.07	1.30
Retirement Inc #	27.66	29.46	+ 0.14	5.88
Special Sits	48.41	51.50	+ 0.05	2.11
UK & Overseas	62.62	64.32	+ 0.24	0.60

COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD
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Balanced	65.66	70.88	+ 0.41	4.05
Capital	81.84	85.04	+ 0.53	2.30
High Income	50.16	52.75‡	+ 0.10	7.25
Top 50	54.52	56.79	+ 0.40	2.15

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FIRSTSTEP PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	190.62	202.79	+ 0.65	4.53
Long Gilt	41.91	44.46	+ 0.18	6.45
Monthly Inc Plus	48.82	51.72	+ 0.03	8.66
Preference Share	47.10	50.11	- 0.03	7.95
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	137.21	145.57	+ 0.29	5.84
Managed Fund	77.29	82.52	+ 0.27	2.61
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	53.43	56.84	- 0.05	1.67
-do- Accum	53.18	57.19	- 0.05	1.67
UK & General	94.60	100.64	+ 0.55	2.56
-do- Accum	122.70	130.53	+ 0.72	2.56
UK Growth	185.78	200.81	+ 0.50	1.40
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	214.77	228.48	+ 1.18	0.69
Far Eastern Gnth	142.86	151.95	+ 0.28	0.06
Global Bond	81.11	86.19	+ 0.20	5.75
Japan Growth	121.46	129.21	+ 1.50	...
North Amer Gnth	240.80	255.96	+ 0.37	...
Oriental Growth	67.78	80.39	- 0.06	0.25
Worldwide Growth	75.41	81.28	+ 0.36	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.23	92.23	+ 0.02	5.30
Homeowner Fund	92.23	98.08	+ 0.50	1.54
Dealer Fund	154.50	164.36	+ 0.96	1.90

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Consistent Ut	38.43	38.95	...	3.18

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
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Growth	194.40	198.20†	- 0.80	1.45
Income	71.45	73.01	+ 0.05	4.78
European	76.45	80.99	+ 0.37	0.74
Recovery	182.30	204.60	- 0.20	1.72

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Equity Dist	948.25	983.60		3.44

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Fellowship Tst	113.10	120.35	+ 0.40	1.86
Income #	366.00	384.20†	+ 1.70	4.18
-do- Accum #	748.60	785.30	+ 3.60	4.17
Smaller Cos	345.00	360.60	+ 0.50	0.88
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Gth Portfolio	102.00	106.50	+ 0.60	1.57
High Inc Port #	82.98	88.27	+ 0.49	4.30

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Euro Small Cos	1701.50	1793.40	...	...
Japan Small Cos	1395.50	1362.10	...	...
UK Small Cos	2283.10	2382.30	...	2.62
US Small Cos	2954.20	3090.70	...	0.50

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Disc Inc	240.30	252.90†	...	2.77

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EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
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UK Balanced Inc	164.20	174.60†	+ 1.00	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	171.70	182.60†	+ 1.00	3.74
-do- Accum	251.80	246.50†	+ 1.40	3.74
UK Prel & Fl Inc	57.27	60.76†	+ 0.18	6.99
Environmtl Opps	99.74	106.10	+ 0.20	0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	78.19	74.66	- 0.01	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.01	51.07	+ 0.07	8.35

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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American	182.98	193.70	...	0.41
Corporate Bd #	92.52	94.60‡	+ 0.12	6.83
Equity Income #	141.80	150.70†	+ 1.10	3.98
Exempt Fund	63.62	67.31	+ 0.22	0.85
Financial	54.83	58.28	+ 0.10	1.54
Growth & Inc #	267.00	304.80	+ 1.90	2.87
High Dist #	177.20	188.30†	+ 1.10	4.29
International	452.00	480.30	- 1.00	0.10
Int Cap Inc	107.20	114.40	...	2.53
Latin American	32.26	34.28	- 0.32	...
Pacific	88.35	94.03	+ 0.12	...
Pref High Inc	21.95	23.32	+ 0.02	7.72
Tokyo	243.60	258.80	+ 2.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	271.10	288.00†		1.04
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	337.30	358.30	+ 1.70	0.59
Far Eastern Gwth	240.30	255.00	- 1.50	0.25
Japan Growth	120.10	127.40	+ 0.90	...
Oriental Growth	467.30	496.00	+ 2.50	...
Worldwide Cap Gth	175.41	186.28	+ 0.96	0.10
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DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
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Japan Small Cos	1395.50	1362.10	...	...
UK Small Cos	2283.10	2382.30	...	2.62



■ FILM 1

A top-notch cast muse on the meaning of a woman's life in *How to Make an American Quilt*



■ FILM 2

Alec Baldwin and Demi Moore clash in the disappointing courtroom drama, *The Juror*

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■ FILM 3

Beautiful Thing puts Jonathan Harvey's hit West End play of gay love on to the screen



■ FILM 4

... while Michael Gambon takes a walk on the dark side in Nicolas Roeg's latest, *Two Deaths*

Is a woman's place really indecision?

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** sees *How to Make an American Quilt* drop a few important stitches



Maya Angelou, Winona Ryder and Ellen Burstyn share a smile in the "beautifully stitched, but short of significance" *How to Make an American Quilt*

The tender music strikes up. The reflective voice-over begins. And off we go into a maddening film that glides pleasantly past the eyes, assembles a sterling female cast, but keeps drifting into soft focus. The title is **How to Make an American Quilt**; the director is Jocelyn Moorehouse, whose celluloid handiwork up to now has all been Australian. She directed the fascinating *Proof*, and produced *Muriel's Wedding*.

The voice-over is Winona Ryder's. She is spending the summer at her grandmother's home among the orange groves of California. A marriage proposal is on her mind; so is her Master's thesis on women's crafts in tribal cultures. To add to her worries, the house is filled with the relatives and friends who comprise the local quilting bee. Each has a history that must be told, some forlorn marriage, or other experience of the male sex. They are making Ryder's bridal quilt, and they call it "Where Love Resides".

The film itself is a quilt of flashbacks, beautifully stitched but short of significance. Not that the script, from Whitney Otto's novel, lacks ambition. A metaphor lies around every corner; an object, a gesture or a full moon is always triggering some memory. But the women have not much to teach us beyond the importance of knowing and standing up for oneself. Ryder herself functions more as a catalyst than a character, and her own indecisions seem small beer.

Where the film triumphs is in its casting. An astonishing line-up has been assembled, from Anne Bancroft and Ellen Burstyn to Jean Simmons, Kate Nelligan and the poet Maya Angelou. The women may not always have much to work with, but Bancroft and Burstyn's bickering sisters, or Nelligan's bruised outsider, make the film's fuzzy feminism much more bearable.

Slice of life, or a slice of cake? **Beautiful Thing**, the gauche but exuberant film of Jonathan Harvey's stage hit, wants to be both. Initially, settings and characters put the film squarely in the British realist camp: this is a tale of working-class life on a housing estate in southeast London. But wait a moment. The concrete tower is softened by flower baskets. The talk is snappy. Noël Coward in T-shirt and jeans. And the sun beats down, bathing the screen in warm, vibrant colours. What paradise is this?

The film, made for Channel 4, bypasses the casts of the 1994 London productions, but retains the writer, the director — Hettie Macdonald (*see interview below*) — and the play's optimistic spirit. The two main characters, the teenage boys Jamie (Glen Barry) and Ste (Scott Neal), discover their tender feelings for each other without wails of anguish.

Venturing into cinema for the first time, Macdonald shows little instinctive feel for the medium: the film waddles like a duck. Still, she knows her material's strengths, its generous spirit and repartee. Indeed, the feel-good factor dominates so much that the film risks drifting too far from the facts of life. If you believe *Beautiful Thing*, there is little to gay sex beyond exchanging fond glances, running through woods, and rubbing peppermint foot lotion into an injured back.

"I need a little excitement," Demi Moore explains to her son when she learns of her jury service in a Mafia trial. We all need excitement; that's why some of us go to the cinema. But in **The Juror** the commodity is hard to find. Moore is an artist and single mother who creates sculptures that you feel from the inside. Alec Baldwin, Mafia henchman, buys some and turns on the charm. He then moves in for the kill, forcing her to sway the jury to acquit a man whose guilt seems self-evident.

Baldwin's volatile character, known only as the Teacher, gives this dumpy film whatever electric charge it possesses. Screenwriter Ted Tally may have won an Oscar for *The Silence of the Lambs*, but he keeps his skills hidden here. He packs the script with old thriller chestnuts. British director Brian Gibson gives proceedings more visual interest than Irwin Winkler, the producer, might have managed; but he cannot seriously enliven a film that gets sillier and duller scene by scene.

We press on to **Two Deaths**, the latest film by Nicolas Roeg and his regular writer, Allan Scott. They have made an oppressive chamber piece, a talk-dominated drama about the destructiveness of human passions, set in Bucharest as the Ceausescu government falls. Although based on a novel, the film feels more like an old-style television play than anything else. Characters thrash out their troubles in words, not deeds, and lurk in dark suits barely distinguishable from the grey-green walls around them.

Michael Gambon plays Pavenic, the prominent physician who braves the street turmoil to host an annual reunion of old friends. Pavenic is an imperious man, who reveals his cruelties as his banquet progresses from oysters to coffee and liqueurs. Jilted in love as a young man, he now employs the object of his desire (Sonia Braga) as servant and mistress. The meal's progress is also interrupted by humiliating revelations about Pavenic's guests, and incursions from the armed forces.

As is his wont, Roeg relishes the human personality's dark side, and plays games with time and memory. But there is no cutting edge to the visuals. *Two Deaths* traps us in a tomb of words and shadows.

Life returns with **Paris Was a Woman**. The thesis of Greta Schiller's absorbing documentary is that Paris between the wars contained more than Joyce, Hemingway and other exiled males. There was a network of women writing, painting, running the bookshops and magazines. This is scarcely bombshell news: Gertrude Stein has long been a Parisian trophy, and no coverage of Joyce can escape Sylvia Beach, publisher of *Ulysses*.

No matter. Schiller makes wonderful use of her archive footage. Paris street scenes, home movies, interviews old and new: all are served with a flourish and a delight in human oddity. These were special people, in a special age; and it is a delight to be in their company.

The cast of the black comedy romp **The Grotesque** is a mixed blessing. Alan Bates, a crumbling aristocrat and paleontologist, goes over the top and back again. Theresa Russell, his American wife, gives more of a read-through than a performance. Meanwhile Sting, the sinister butler, hovers, sneers and takes various characters to bed. John Paul Davidson, the director, brings no new angle to the overworked topic of British decay and eccentricity: but this bizarre film passes the time until something more sensible comes along.

How to Make an American Quilt
Empire, 15, 116 mins
Fuzzy ruminations on women and men

Beautiful Thing
MGM Haymarket
15, 94 mins
Jonathan Harvey's play as feel-good cinema

The Juror
Warner West End
18, 118 mins
Increasingly silly courtroom drama

Two Deaths
Curzon West End
18, 96 mins
Roeg's talky drama

Paris Was a Woman
ICA Cinema
PG, 117 mins
Fascinating portrait of Left Bank lives

The Grotesque
MGM Shaftesbury Ave
18, 98 mins
Grotesque is the word

Hettie Macdonald, novice director of *Beautiful Thing*, says follow that script

In the beginning were the words

The strong British presence at Cannes this year was not limited to the official competition, nor to such veterans as Mike Leigh and Stephen Frears. Consider the standing ovation given to *Beautiful Thing*, which marks the cinema debuts of Jonathan Harvey, the writer, its five principal actors, and a director, Hettie Macdonald, better known for theatre work at such venues as the Royal Court.

Though Harvey's hilarious and humane script (based on his acclaimed play) is commanding the most attention, the achievement of its 33-year-old neophyte director is no less significant. Indeed, Macdonald may well succeed where the likes of Trevor Nunn and Peter Hall have so far failed: in forging a cinema career to set alongside her theatrical one, as another British director, Nicholas Hytner, managed triumphantly with his debut film, *The Madness of King George*.

"I still don't know about movies," says Macdonald. "But if someone says, 'Direct this movie; we have faith in you', you have to go with that. And actually I wasn't nervous; I was too excited."

The "someones" in this case were co-producer Tony Garnett, chairman of World Productions, and Channel 4's head of drama, David Aukin, who hired Macdonald for the film despite Harvey's initial doubts. Macdonald found herself embarked upon a new task that proved surprisingly familiar — especially since she had directed the play in three different productions in its journey from fringe to West End. "Obviously, there are more people involved on a film and it's more technical. But from the director's point of view, if you're dealing with something script-based, you go through the same process."

She invokes the French word "*réalisateur*" to explain her attraction to the cinema: "You are getting inside the characters and realising someone else's story." And if that means rejecting another French term, the "*auteur*" theory of direction, then so be it: "Writers should always have top billing; the writer is truly the creative force."



Hettie Macdonald: "The writer is the creative force"

Macdonald has devoted much of her theatre career to new writing since she left Bristol University. At 24 she was in the West End, rehearsing American actor John Shea in a recast version of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*. She spent 18 months as associate director at the Wolsey Theatre, Ipswich, and in the past year has had two acclaimed London productions: Carole Braverman's *The Yiddish Trojan Women* and, at the Court's Theatre Upstairs, Clare McIntyre's *The Thickness of Skin*.

Macdonald would rather bring a new writer to attention than stamp her own imprint on Shakespeare or whomever. "New writers write about the world now," she explains, "and although people say, 'But Shakespeare is all about what's happening now,' I think, 'yes, but why not just do a new play?' Also, if there are no new plays, the theatre will never move on. You can't keep doing *As You Like It*."

MATT WOLF

'A bit patronising'

Every week, young film fans discuss the new releases ...

HOW TO MAKE AN AMERICAN QUILT
Daisy Norman, 19: A bit *patronising, but I loved it all* the same.
Daniel Edelstyn, 19: Winona Ryder seemed to add a secret ingredient, transforming it into an enjoyable film.
Ivan Polancec, 20: The directing and acting were very good.
Sarah Jenkins, 19: Sentimental, yes, but at all the right times and in all the right places.

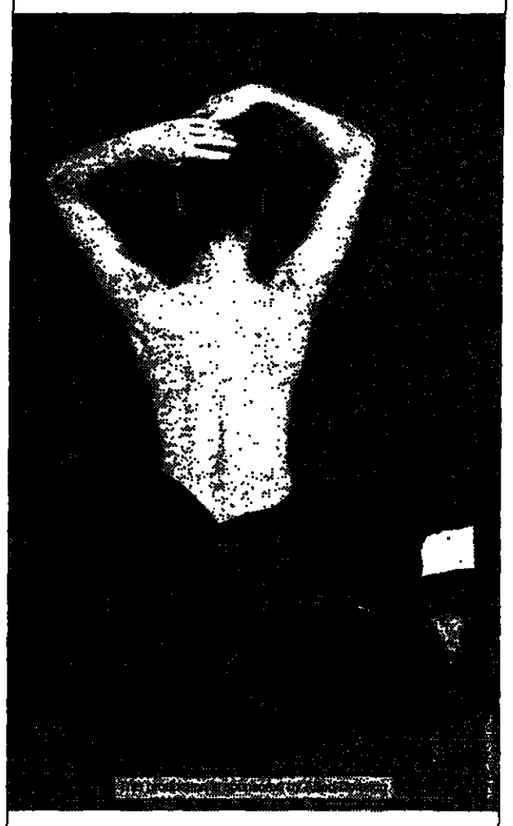
BEAUTIFUL THING
Daisy: It deals with issues that are of vital importance to the gay community but ultimately succumbs to sentimentality
Daniel: Punchy cinematography and dialogue. The finale lost touch with the stark reality it had done so well to create.
Ivan: A great atmosphere transmitted through powerful directing.
Sarah: The delicate subject was treated too heavy-handedly.

THE JUROR
Daisy: A typical engaging American psychological thriller, but it was just too long to hold my interest.
Daniel: Fast and well-directed, but tedious in its caricature of the Mafia.
Ivan: It came off well: the target audience will be on the edge of its seat.
Sarah: Uncohesive and went on forever.

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CHOICE 1

John Alderton stars in a revival of Joe Orton's *Loot*

VENUE: Opens tonight at the *Churchill, Bromley*



CHOICE 2

Mark Elder comes to Covent Garden to conduct Verdi's *Nabucco*

VENUE: Tonight at the *Royal Opera House*

THE TIMES ARTS



VIDEOS

Banderas takes on Stallone in the macho thrills and spills of *Assassins*



RECORDS

Operatic diva Dawn Upshaw dips into the Rodgers and Hart songbook for her new CD

Down on the killing floor

NEW ON VIDEO

■ ASSASSINS
Warner, 15, 1995

REASONABLE action thriller with Sylvester Stallone as a melancholy contract killer hired to eliminate a surveillance expert (Julianne Moore). Antonio Banderas completes the triangle as an impudent hired gun shadowing Stallone's every move. The players bounce off each other well and relish what humour the script contains. Director Richard Donner does not probe the characters much, but does his stuff with explosives, air conditioning ducts and collapsing floors. Available to rent.

■ FRENCH CANCAN
Connoisseur, PG, 1955

AFTER 15 years working in exile, Jean Renoir returned to France to make this exuberant drama about the Moulin Rouge and the delights of the cancan. The storyline is familiar (when his temperamental mistress walks out, Jean Gabin's theatre manager makes a star out of a laundress). Yet no other film glows with quite so much gaiety and tenderness, or bows out with such a tremendous display of swirling legs and colours. It should not be surprising: no other film director had the painter Auguste Renoir for a father.

■ ROME EXPRESS
First Class, U, 1932

"THE best British picture ever," one patriotic critic declared when this mystery thriller first opened. Almost all the action — murder, theft, assorted mayhem — takes place on a continental train, and director Walter Forde keeps the action hurtling along. The passengers include Conrad Veidt's mysterious Zurta, Gordon Harker's suburbanite abroad and Hugh Williams's dashing young drip. The film remains hugely enjoyable.



Looks that kill: Sylvester Stallone (left) and Antonio Banderas in Richard Donner's action thriller *Assassins*

■ THE GRIM REAPER
Arrow, 15, 1962

THIS was Bertolucci's first film, made when he was 22, though in some respects the dominant personality seems Pasolini, who devised the story. In the first seconds, the camera shows us a prostitute's body, found on a riverbank in Rome's suburbs. Possible witnesses are then interrogated, and it is their petty crimes and lies that dominate the movie. The dynamic, rough-edged style points the way to the lush visual splendours of the director's later years.

■ SEVEN
Entertainment, 18, 1995

THE world may not need another serial-killer movie but this thoroughly unsettling piece from David Fincher, the director of *Alien*³, earns a place through its macabre humour and visual force. Someone somewhere in a metropolitan hell is recreating the seven deadly sins in murderous tableaux; the lucky people discovering the bodies are Morgan Freeman, excellent as a weary detective on the brink of retirement, and Brad Pitt, his eager-beaver replacement. Available to rent.

GEOFF BROWN

LONDON

LOOT: John Alderton, whose numerous theatre and television credits include *Please Sir, Upstairs, Downstairs* and *Forever Green*, plays Inspector Truscott in a revival of Joe Orton's astringent black comedy. Co-starring Rebecca Lacey; Alan Strachan directs. **Churchill**, High Street, Bromley (0181-460 6677). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then *Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.* Until June 22.

NABUCCO The Royal Opera, in association with Welsh National Opera, presents Tim Albery's staging of Verdi's rousing choral showpiece, conducted by Mark Elder. Gregory Yurisich takes the title role, with Samuel Ramey and Kurt Rydl sharing the role of Zaccaria. Sung in Italian with English surtitles. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then on June 15, 20, 26, July 3 and 8; all at 7.30pm.

ST JOHN'S: An evening of Russian operatic arias and songs to launch the Russian Classic Music Club in London (0171-242 1882 for details) including excerpts from Borodin's *Prince Igor*, Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* and Tchaikovsky's *The Maid of Orleans*, with songs by Glinka, Rachmaninov and Stravinsky. A concert of old Russian romances and traditional folk songs takes place on Sunday (7.30pm). **St John's**, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061). Tonight, 7.30pm.

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: Opera lovers are in for another treat with three consecutive evening performances from **Pavilion Opera**. This evening the company gives Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, with Lehár's delightful *The Merry Widow* on Friday, and *Rigoletto*, Verdi's dramatic masterpiece, on Saturday. **St George's**, Brandon Hill (0117-923 0359). Tonight-Sat; all at 6pm.

EDINBURGH: Claire Rutter, Mark Padmore, Isabelle Vernet and Kathleen Broderick are among the world-class singers appearing in **Scottish Opera's** repertoire. The company opens with *La traviata* (tonight, June 19 and 21), sung in Italian, followed by Gluck's *Alceste* (tomorrow, June 20), sung in French. Puccini's final work, *Turandot*, completes the repertoire (June 15, 18 and 22). All with English surtitles. **Festival**, Nicolson Street (0131-529 6000). Tonight-June 22, 7.15pm.

GLASGOW. The veteran Irish folk band **The Dubliners** takes the stage as part of their *Further Along* tour. **Royal Concert Hall**, Buchanan Street, Glasgow (0141-227 5511). Tonight, 8pm. Next in **Scarborough**, Futurist (01723 365783), tomorrow; **Nottingham**, Royal Concert Hall (01159 482626), Saturday.

WEYMOUTH: Juan Martín — a passionate and dextrous ambassador of the flamenco guitar — introduces the spice of the Middle East to the traditional expression of flamenco. His *Flamenco Nuevo* is performed by a company of four dancers, accompanied by musicians playing the flute, clarinet, saxophone and percussion. **Pavilion**, The Esplanade (01305 783 225). Tonight, 7.45pm. Next in **Peterborough**, Cathedral (01733 317336). June 26.

LONDON GALLERIES

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LONG RUNNERS

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
☒ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

Liliane Montevecchi performs a selection of American musical numbers (Porter, Sondheim, Jerry Herman) in a show staged by Tommy Tune. **Jermyn Street**, 16b Jermyn St, SW1 (0171-287 2875). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 4pm. (Extra mat Thurs June 20, 4pm) Until June 23.

☐ **PHAEDRA'S LOVE**. Sarah Kane's *re-invention of the Greek myth, set in an* imagined British royal family. Torture, slaughter, castration: the familiar Kane ingredients. Last week. **Gate**, 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm.

☐ **ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD**. Simon Russell Beale and Adrian Scarborough play the attendant lords in Stoppard's first play, still entertaining after 30 years. **National** (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm ☒

■ **TARTUFFE**: Ian McDiarmid and Tom Hollander marvellously funny, and *creepy, in Jonathan Kent's top-class production of Molière's tart comedy on religious follies. Last week.* **Almeida**, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm. ☒

■ **THE TEMPEST**: Denis Quilley plays Prospero in Patrick Garland's production. Expect magic. **Open Air Theatre**, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then in rep with *The Comedy of Errors*.

☐ **TWELVE ANGRY MEN**: Kevin Whately, Timothy West, Peter Vaughan and nine excellent others in Reginald Rose's justly celebrated jury-room drama. **Comedy**, Panton Street SW1 (0171-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat 4pm.

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

☐ **DAMES AT SEA**. *Kim Criswell, Sara Crowe, Peter Duncan in a comedy musical in the style of the 1930s, music by Jim Wise, John Gardyne directs. Extended until July 20.* **Ambassadors**, West Street, WC2 (0171-312 1996). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **GHOSTS**: *Ibsen's jolly play about hypocrites, cover-ups and fast-working diseases, apparently given some lurid touches in Mike Poulton's new version. David Hunt directs a cast led by Charlotte Cornwell and Christopher Hunter.* **King's Head**, 115 Upper St, N1 (0171-226 1916). Tue-Sat 8pm; mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm.

☒ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's powerful production, with David Ross as the all-knowing Inspector, and Edward Peel and Estelle Kohler as the pillars of society. **Garrick**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5pm.

☒ **JULIUS CAESAR**. Christopher Benjamin plays the colossus, with John Nettles and Julian Glover (Brutus and Cassius) snapping at his heels in Peter Hall's production from last year's Stratford season. **Barbican**, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; mat, 2pm. In rep ☒

☐ **ON THE BOULEVARD**. Ballerina, singer, actress and Tony Award winner *Chita Rivera* is the subject of this musical tribute, which includes excerpts from her career. **Shaftesbury**, Shaftesbury Ave, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Tonight, 7.30pm.

NEW RELEASES

THE CONFESSIONAL (15): Complex drama spun round identity, truth and Alfred Hitchcock; a dazzling cinema debut for theatre wizard Robert Lepage. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **Lumière** (0171-836 0691). **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Renoir** (0171-837 8402).

GIRL 6 (18): Strident and muddled comedy from Spike Lee about phone sex, with Theresa Randle. **Plaza** ☒ (0171-437 1234). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (0171-792 3332). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

GUILTRIP (15). Striking Irish drama about a bad marriage, from writer-director Gerard Stembridge. With Andrew Connolly and Jasmine Russell. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631). **NFT** (0171-928 3232).

◆ **NOW AND THEN** (PG): Pleasant young performers improve a tedious script about girls growing up in 1970. With Christina Ricci, Rosie O'Donnell and Demi Moore. Director, Lesli Linka Glatter. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914 666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **West End** (01426-915 574). **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332).

◆ **UP CLOSE & PERSONAL** (15): Love and cliches in a television newsroom. Paper-thin romantic drama with Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert Redford. Director, Jon Avnet. **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772). **Fulham Road** ☒ (0171-370 2636). **Notting Hill Coronet** ☒ (0171-727 6705). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Leicester Square** (01426-915 683). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (0171-792 3332).

◆ **VAMPIRE IN BROOKLYN** (15): Vastly uneven horror comic, with Eddie Murphy as a Caribbean vampire. With Angela Bassett, Kadeen Hardison. Director, Wes Craven. **MGM Trocadero** ☒ (0171-434 0031). **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Plaza** (0800-888 997). **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (0171-792 3332).

CURRENT

◆ **THE BIRDCAGE** (15): Crass, gaudy remake of *La Cage aux Folles*, with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as the gay couple faced with an in-law problem. Director, Mike Nichols. **Empire** (0800-888 911). **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666).

◆ **DEAD MAN WALKING** (15): Susan Sarandon visits Sean Penn on Death Row. Powerful drama about capital punishment. Director, Tim Robbins. **ABC Panton Street** (0171-930 0631). **Warner** ☒ (0171-437 4343).

◆ **FROM DUSK TILL DAWN** (18): Fleeing gangsters face a new danger: vampires. Juvenile romp from director Robert Rodriguez and writer/actor Quentin Tarantino. With George Clooney and Harvey Keitel. **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Marble Arch** (01426 914501). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **West End** (01426-915 574). **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121). **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (0171-792 3332).

◆ **RICHARD III** (15): Shakespeare updated to the 1930s. Dynamic cinema, with Ian McKellen. **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722). **MGM Chelsea** (0171-352 5096). **Minema** (0171-235 4225). **Phoenix** (0181-883 2933). **Watermans** (0181-568 1176).

◆ **SECRETS & LIES** (15): Mike Leigh's Cannes triumph: an uneven but absorbing tale about family life, its pains, bonds, and skeletons. With Brenda Blethyn and Timothy Spall. **Barbican** ☒ (0171-638 8891). **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323). **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636). **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527). **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148). **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666). **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098). **Richmond** (0181-332 0030). **Screen on Baker Street** (0171-935 2772). **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520). **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (0171-792 3332). **Warner** (0171-437 4343).

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■ MONTEVERDI
Il primo libro de madrigali
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BELIEVE it or not, this is the first complete recording of Monteverdi's first book of madrigals, written when the composer was 19 and proving himself both in the pastoral ditties of the dying century and in the more daring dissonances which were to distinguish his maturing style.

The fresh English-watercolour timbres of the voices of the Consort of Musicke (Emma Kirkby, Andrew King, et al) adorn Monteverdi's word-painting, where showers of quavers fall from heaven to earth, verbal and musical garlands are woven, and *pastorella* rhymes with *ghirlandetta*. And the close, light blend of voices with their gently tapering phrases paint a plangent beauty for the chaste ecstasy of madrigals such as *Filli cara e amara*.

Some may long for a bolder sensuousness in the stronger stuff. For the freezing fires of *Monteverdi's grave tormento* and *gran martire*, the quintet of voices is still a little circumspect. Monteverdi, though, warned his performers not to get overexcited in the little ballet *Tirsi e Clori* which, with *Tempro la cetra*, completes this disc and sees the Consort tuning its lyre, as well as its harp, chitarrone, viols and violins.

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■ PROKOFIEV
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PROKOFIEV'S two violin concertos make an ideal coupling. They fit comfortably onto a single disc with room to spare and are sufficiently varied in character to produce an attractive programme. The First Concerto was completed in 1917, while the Second dates from 1935, the period when Prokofiev was on the verge of returning to Russia for good and was softening the acerbities of his music in search of a more accessible idiom.

Gil Shaham is the excellent soloist here, as assured in the pyrotechnical displays as he is responsive to the introspective character that also comes repeatedly to the fore. With André Previn and the London Symphony Orchestra providing sympathetic support, the beautifully veiled quality of the work's opening and close is delightfully captured.

The Second Concerto in G minor finds them in relaxed, extrovert mood, with the Spanish tint of the finale nicely realised. The filler is the Sonata for Solo Violin in D major, Op 115. Not to be confused with the better-known D major Sonata for violin (originally flute) and piano, the solo sonata combines folkish and neo-Baroque elements with more than a dash of virtuosity. Shaham is equal to the challenge and may well win new admirers for all three works.

MUSICALS

John Higgins

■ DAWN UPSHAW
Sings Rodgers & Hart
Nonesuch 7559-79406-2★★★

THE American soprano takes time off from such high-minded operatic heroines as Theodora and Anne Trulove to tackle the more worldly ladies of Richard Rodgers and Larry Hart.

The composer and the lyricist had the skill and good fortune to begin with hits which became immediate standards: *Manhattan* and *Mountain Greenery* both appeared in the 1926 show, *The Garrick Gaieties*. Dawn Upshaw gives them the freshness and vocal purity that are her hallmarks. Each syllable comes out crisp and shining. Upshaw could certainly have made a career in musicals had she had a mind to.

The early numbers are dominated by Hart's snazzily improbable rhymes, but as he grew older he wrote lyrics to accommodate Rodgers's more sentimental moods. There are plenty of lonely, jilted ladies here "ordering orange juice for one". Even a cynical late work such as *Pal Joey* has room for the wistful *I Could Write a Book*.

But Upshaw was never the maudlin kind and part of the joy of this artfully selected and ordered disc is the mingling of the familiar and the half-forgotten. Who remembers *I Married an Angel*? She and her advisers do and *A Twinkle in Your Eye* is one of the best tracks here. Upshaw sings with a twinkle in her voice. Ideal midsummer listening.

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Two aspects at least of the performance of *Don Carlos* that launches the Royal Opera's second Verdi Festival are truly festive. The opera is sung in good French; and the cast is of the dream variety. Verdi composed it in French and revised it — ceaselessly — in French. At last we hear how he wanted his opera to sound (I discount the DG recording purporting to be in French — it might as well be in Serbo-Croat). Covent Garden had a somewhat undercast bosh-shot at the original 13 years ago, and has now made full amends: Tuesday's cast actually includes — wonder of wonders — some French singers.

To list the performers is enough. José Van Dam, one of the great singers of the day, weighs the importance of every word and note as King Philip. Thomas Hampson, that most elegant of "cavalier" baritones, sings like an angel as Posa. Roberto Alagna makes an enormously promising stab at the title role, projecting the lines fearlessly; that extra inch of Gallic elegance and honeyed tone will surely come in an assumption that can only get better and better. The radiance and security of Karita Mattila's Elisabeth warm the heart of the sternest listener, who might otherwise query some of her tuning. Only Kurt Rydl's wobbly Inquisitor lets the side down.

The main newcomer since the production was new at the Châtelet earlier in the year is the French mezzo Martine Dupuy, and she is a knock-out: Eboli's Veil Song is sung with infinite grace, and if *O don fatal* lacks the last ounce of vocal power, then a more

OPERA

Don Carlos
Covent Garden

sympathetic conductor could help disguise the fact. Not that Bernard Haitink is in any sense unsympathetic, but Tuesday's performance was a little "first-nighty" — cautious in the early acts, sometimes uncertain of ensemble, with the dash, crispness and that sense of pain that infuses the score coming later on.

That, I fear, is the end of the good news. What this dream cast has to sing is extremely controversial. The *Carlos* text is a minefield, but basically there is an 1867 Grand Opera in five acts and a "final" 1883 revision in four, with myriad variations in between and indeed thereafter. To mix the two, as happens here, is to ask for trouble. Inserting the *Lacrymosa* ensemble (1867) for Carlos and the King in the prison scene, which Verdi cut and never reused save in his Requiem, makes as much musical sense as shoving a bit of *Peter Grimes* into *Death in Venice*. There is a weird, pointless spatchcocking of two versions of the scene for Elisabeth and Eboli in the study, and an even weirder version of the Posa-Philip duet from which so much of the rest of the action springs, or should spring: Verdi's final version is unarguably the best, and it is not used.

Worst of all is the mystery of the missing first scene, in which the ravages of war are shown to motivate Elisabeth's consent to marry Philip instead of Carlos — without it there is little reason to perform the Fontainebleau act at all (Verdi cut it). We were promised it, in this joint Châtelet-Garden text, and apparently it survived as far as the dress rehearsal, when someone decided the evening was too long and so it was cut. Well, *Götterdämmerung* goes on a bit, but would anyone recommend dropping the Norns' scene? I think not, and this calls into doubt the seriousness of the whole undertaking.

I thought Luc Bondy's drearily designed production unfocused and amateurish to an unacceptable degree. We are used to better here.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOP



Chaos and confusion: a dream cast, but a nightmare revision of the score mars Luc Bondy's production of Verdi's *Don Carlos*

THEATRE: Barclays New Stages opens this week, with the human body as its main theme. We preview the festival, and (right) review the first show.

Corpus shaped in blood and bone

The human body has been taking quite a beating in the arts in recent times. Visual artist Mona Hatoum put a micro-camera inside herself and projected her insides to the world. Performance artist Orlan has been transmitting live broadcasts of her cosmetic surgery to audiences; Ron Athey tattoos and pierces his body in performance; and Stelarc attached himself to the Internet via a computer which allowed strangers on the other side of the world to move his limbs by electro-stimulation.

Now the Barclays New Stages festival of contemporary performance at the Royal Court in London and in Birmingham is themed towards the body. It includes the work of Graham Cunnington, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis, and CanDoCo, the integrated dance company which incorporate wheelchairs into its choreography.

Is it just another expression of *fin-de-siècle* anxiety or does the current fascination with the body in art offer up any more profound insights into our culture and society? If these artists have anything in common, it is their confrontation of the limitations and fallibilities of the human body. For the highly technological world we live in, it is hardly surprising that art should be expressing some anxiety about human capabilities. Not only is the work of millions of people being made obsolete by machines, but technology in the service of medical science is increasingly able to alter, rebuild and even predetermine our physical selves.

Like Stelarc, Graham Cunnington's performance links his body to machines (monitors of heartbeat and pulse), and like Athey he itemises the misfortunes of his life: from finding his mother drowned in a bath at the age of four, to the agonising medical battle with his disease. However, the performance, he says, is part of a healing process. Far from believing that his body is gradually becoming obsolete, the exaggerated frailty of it fires his belief in its potential.

"I know it sounds crazy, but I have researched it and discovered that the bone cells are completely renewed every nine months," he explains. "I've invented my own system of beliefs, a mixture of spirituality, psychology and willpower, and I really believe I can rebuild my bones. I spent four years on crutches. I came off them last November."

Celeste Dandeker, founding member of CanDoCo, has also refused to be held back by her body's limitations. As a young dancer with London Contemporary Dance, she fell 50ft during a performance and broke her back, leaving her paralysed from the neck down. "I was invited to take part in a film about a dancer who becomes paralysed, and it made me think I could do this myself. We always work with both able-bodied dancers and dancers with physical disabilities, and we never compromise the quality of the work to that fact. It's important that all the dancers are working to the limits of their own bodies. And out of it we've discovered a new language of dance."

It is significant that the most positive visions of the body's capabilities are from those people who have already been let down by it and come to terms with that fact. The work of Cunnington in particular seems to have a cathartic effect on audiences. "People are getting more and more dissassociated from any form of natural life," says Cunnington. "City life can be so disempowering, and the body can be a way of getting power back for ourselves."

CLARE BAYLEY

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Siobhan Redmond in *The Trick* at the Royal Court

In the canyons of her mind

The Trick is to Keep Breathing
Royal Court

THE piece that opens this year's Barclays New Stages involves a teacher who has a serious nervous breakdown in what the programme helpfully tells us is "contemporary West Central Scotland". Joy Stone loses her lover in a drowning accident, collapses screaming during his memorial service, goes into a pretty useless mental hospital, attempts suicide, then makes a modest recovery. At that level the moral seems to be: don't go nuts in West Central Scotland.

But that is not the level on which Michael Boyd's adaptation of Janice Galloway's novel operates. If it was, Glasgow's Tron Theatre would not be bringing it south to launch "a festival of the very best in cutting-edge performance". The main locale is Joy's mind, the primary intention to make us see and feel the pain spiralling inside.

The endeavour proves strikingly successful. I admit to a flutter or two when the curtain rose on three black-clad Joys standing in a sort of bus-queue while a cello and piano plinked ominously beside them. Was this going to be the cutting edge of pretension? But Boyd and his superb cast drew me into their idiom.

Jennifer Black is the Joy who tries to keep herself sufficiently glued together to present a sane-seeming front. Siobhan Redmond is the one who paces in agitation when her headmaster gets judgmental, or mimes strangling the social worker who says she "knows how you feel". Tracy Wiles, the id to their superego and ego, does little more than howl occasionally. Meanwhile, disorientating voices add to the sense of chaos.

Joy's sister drunkenly yells, "What about your mother, you callous bitch?", an accusation the more disturbing for coming from someone who looks like a pantomime dame and is played by a man, Lewis Hayden. Mum herself appears as a char obsessively cleaning the coffins that have inexplicably gathered round Joy's feet. Music, screeching mimes, chanting figures, actors in the balcony, blood on the backcloth, writing on the back wall: you name it, Boyd has made it part of the brew.

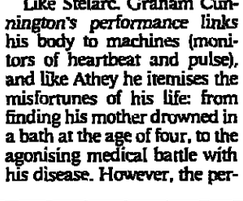
My one caveat is that, with streams of violent and/or suicidal relatives turning up in her shortish family tree, Joy's psychological profile becomes gratuitously complex and hence less representative. But that does not compromise the Tron's achievement. Seldom or never have I seen inner turmoil evoked with such theatrical resourcefulness.

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NEW music has a commendably high profile at the Spitalfields Festival — it is no accident that all three of the artistic directors are composers — and Monday's concert by the Nash Ensemble was a showcase for young talent presented by the Society for the Promotion of New Music.

The idea behind Joyce Bee Tuan Koh's *IX Lives of a Cat* comes from a picture book in which scenes by famous artists are adorned with a cat and a witty caption. The composer has tried to capture what she hears when she sees the pictures. But to the audience, who cannot see them, the exercise might seem fruitless, especially as there is little to characterise the pictures in question. Nevertheless, the writing is skilful and sinuously feline, often amusingly so.

Maud Hodson's *Woodpecker* also brings wit to bear on a cunning combination of high-register Messiaenic piano and woodblock. Andrew Ball and Simon Limbrick were the adroit pianist and percussionist, with Roger Chase on viola. Even more offbeat was the text of Phillip Clark's *Steinzas One* which, as the punning title suggests, draws on Gertrude Stein. Clark has transmuted what he calls the musical effect of Stein's poetry into an intriguing piece of writing.

The text of Matthew Jeffrey's *Letterbocks* is no less perplexing, consisting of jokey anecdotes worthy of a Christmas cracker or the comic *Viz*, which supposedly inspired it. Despite mezzo Fiona Kimm's best efforts, the jokes fell thuddingly flat. But if the score itself — with its boogies, bossa novas and party poppers — was little more than an end-of-term romp, it was a highly accomplished one.

There are few jokes in Gavin Thomas's *Leopardi Songs*, an elusively meditative setting of four verses by the Italian poet. The interludes linking the verses, atmospheric but charged with drama, are especially effective. Kimm was the persuasive soloist, and members of the Nash, here as elsewhere, acquitted themselves admirably — in several items under the direction of Thomas Adès.

The new offerings were framed by an arrangement for flute, viola and harp of Ravel's Piano Sonatina and a splendidly taut performance by Janice Graham, Michael Collins and Ian Brown of Stravinsky's *Soldier's Tale* suite.

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Louis de Bernières on the intellectual and political odyssey of a writer who has bravely championed the virtues of moderation

Tales of love and despair

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Nicholas Shakespeare recently published *The Dancer Upstairs*, which is concerned with a Lima policeman's dogged pursuit and capture of Abimael Guzman, the leader of the Shining Path terrorists, and now, as a most satisfying example of literary complementarity, Vargas Llosa has written a novel about two rural policemen living under the shadow of that same terrorism. Since these two writers have known each other for some years, it is tempting to suspect the existence of clandestine treaties in which territories have been amicably divided and information exchanged.

Vargas Llosa's policemen are Lituma (who appeared both in *The Green House* and *Who Killed Palomino Molero?*) and Tomás, a youngster who is in love as only a youngster can be, with a pretty showgirl who has deserted him and taken all his money.

Cleverly interwoven with the narrative are charming and entertaining episodes in which Tomás relates the events of his love affair to the sex-starved Lituma, who comments with appropriate outrage, sympathy or lubriciousness.

The dark side of the novel deals with disappearance, terror, and death. In several telling episodes, Vargas Llosa depicts the surreal killing sprees of the Shining Path: a pair of French tourists are beaten to death with stones, an ecologist is butchered, a herd of vicunas is slaughtered so that they cannot be eaten by capitalists, and, as if the improvised lives of the Andeans are not already hard enough, we then learn of the arbitrary misbehaviour of the counter-terrorist military.

As the story progresses, we are led to suspect that three of the many deaths are related not to the Shining Path, but to ancient, pre-Columbian, rites of propitiation.

The book is rich in character and also in myth: there are *pistacos* (the Andean version of the vampire — a subject also close to Nicholas Shakespeare's heart, since he was once, and understandably, mistaken for one), there is an hilarious version of the Minotaur story, direct reference to the stories of Dionysus and the maenads, and allusion to a Holy Communion that is reminiscent of the most



Vargas Llosa: tenderness

horrifying passage of Nicholas Monsarrat's now unfashionable *The Tribe That Lost Its Head*.

Vargas Llosa describes Peru as "immense, mysterious, grey-green, poverty-stricken, wealthy, ancient, hermetic" and he writes of it with love and despair, emotions that are often mixed equally in the breast of the thoughtful patriot. He is a great storyteller, who combines high seriousness with lightness of touch, and this is without doubt another of his great stories.

This same patriotic love and despair informs many of the essays in *Making Waves*. "For me Peru is a kind of incurable illness," he says, "and my relationship to it is intense, harsh, and full of the violence of passion." He continues, "Although I have sometimes hated Peru, this hatred ... has always been steeped in tenderness."

It is probably true that anyone who loves Latin America does so with a mixture of enchantment and horror, but with these words he articulates the classical pain of the Latin American intellectual, who is typically the most cosmopolitan in the world, understanding Europe and North America far better than do their own inhabitants, but living in paradoxical exile even when at home.

Making Waves spans 30 years of Vargas Llosa's intellectual and political odyssey, and includes letters, autobiography (both comic and serious), pieces of polemic, and essays on writers, art and artists.

There are roughly 50 pieces in all, items about Franco's Madrid, about Cuba in 1962, about a fat man who became a guerrilla, about his growing disillusionment with Sartre and Fidel Castro. There is a memorable essay on Camus, and a scathing and apposite attack upon the humanities departments of North American universities, which have "fallen into the hands of falsifiers and sophists of every hue, who pass off ideology as knowledge".

What has made Vargas Llosa almost unique among the great contemporary Latin American writers is that he has retained all his passion while his powers of bullshit-detection have steadily grown.

Intellectuals in general, and Latin American ones in particular, have always felt it compulsory to (pretend to) be on the radical Left, but Vargas Llosa chooses to risk everything by being vehemently in the middle: he espouses pluralism, liberal democracy, freedom of expression, and capitalism. His prose in these essays is sometimes even better than it is in his fiction, and his mordant and immoderate defences of moderation are very refreshing.

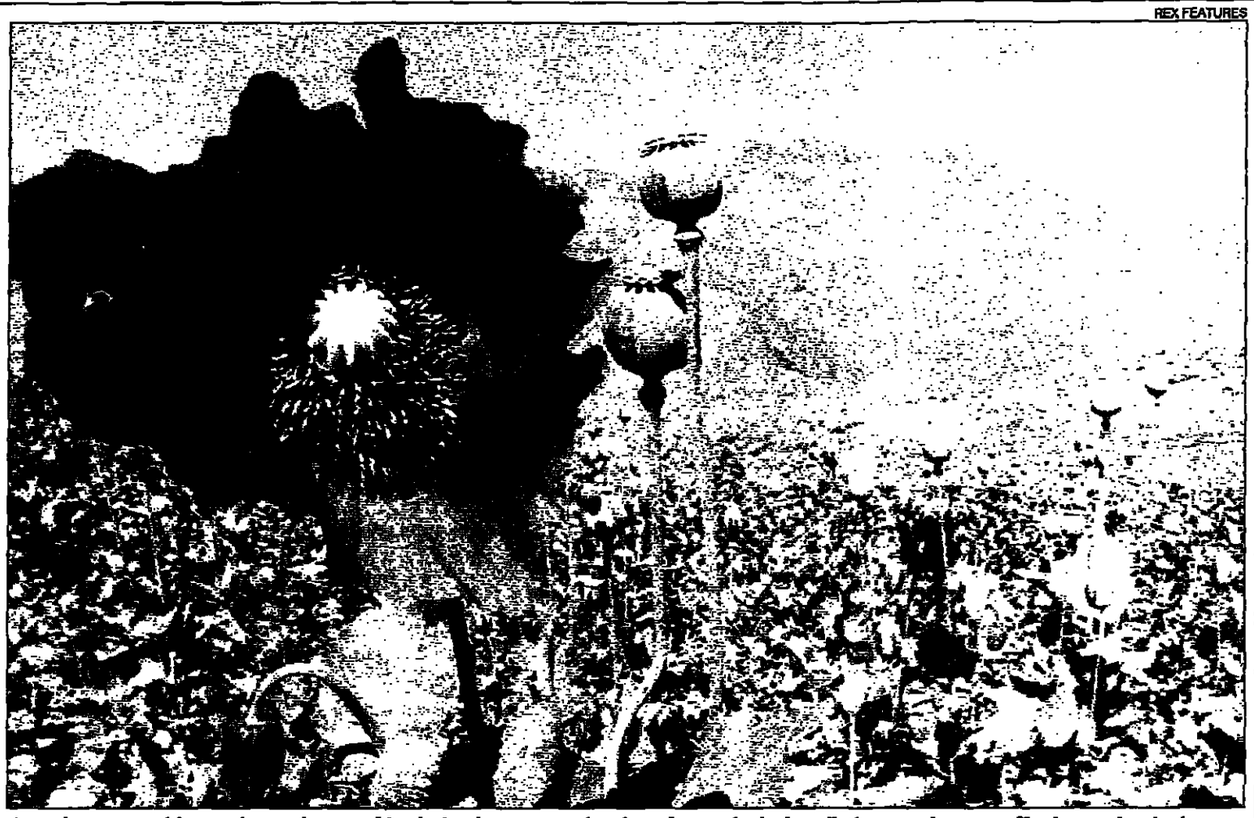
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on a poppy that is not just a problem

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An opium poppy blossoming: opium, and its derivatives, cannot be viewed as exclusively evil; they are the most effective analgesics known

OPIUM
A History
By Martin Booth
Simon and Schuster, £17.99
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I magine an industry with an annual turnover estimated at some $750 billion, and a pricing structure for one product starting at $75 per unit weight with a final retail value of up to $1.4 million. No wonder it seems impossible to combat drug abuse by policing, when the income is in excess of all the combined terrorist movements on earth and greater than the resources of law enforcement agencies.

Martin Booth's authoritative and dispassionate account of the social and political aspects of dealing in opium and its derivative drugs demonstrates just how enormous, but also complex, our current "drugs problem" actually is. Farmers in the Golden Triangle grow opium poppies because otherwise they would starve; drug barons grow fat because of the demands of the addict; life for many in many societies is so dire that chemical oblivion is the only palliative.

Of course, most of us have long realised that the drugs problem encompasses cultural, political, religious, economic and psychological issues: yet Booth explores each of these in depth, while maintaining a lively pace without any sensationalist or judgmental undertones.

However, *Opium: A History* is far more than a snapshot of the current evils visited on us by heroin. Virtually every aspect of the use of opium as a drug is explored in turn as the reader progresses: from learning how opium is produced to tracing its roots throughout modern civilisation, we arrive at the wizardry of the 19th-century chemists in isolating the most active ingredient, morphine, and in turn manufacturing the most potent derivative of morphine, the "heroic" substance, heroin.

But this is no simple socio-biological journey. Booth does not flinch from a detailed survey of the less than honourable parts played in the growth of the current drugs problem by, for example, the British East India Company and the CIA when the opium trade could be used to promote national interests both in the previous century and the current one.

Another thread running throughout Booth's book is that opium is not like other drugs in that it cannot be immediately written off as exclusively evil. As the chapters progress, from one era to the next, fascinating examples press home the message that opium was, until very recently, the only means of combating pain effectively, not to mention actually preventing the very real threat of death from diarrhoea. The opium poppy was not really a "problem" until the more powerful and portable compounds, morphine and heroin, were available. It is not easy to condemn outright a drug that, even today, is recognised as the most effective analgesic.

In general, Booth offers a rich and definitive narrative on a major issue in a highly readable form. The one conspicuous omission is that no chapter explores the pharmacological aspects of opiates: after all, it is arguably one of the greatest discoveries in biology over the last few decades that we have naturally occurring opiates in our brains that act as chemical messenger systems between brain cells. It is these systems that are the target for heroin as it rushes into the brain and acts to give, via the still mysterious brain-mind link, the sensation of euphoria.

Since Booth tells us a little of what it is like to take heroin, and of what it is like to go "cold turkey", a little more of the underlying pharmacology would have been appropriate. On the other hand, Booth's message is not primarily a scientific one. Rather, as, with nuclear fission, we see how a potentially beneficial force has been turned into one of the greatest threats to society by greed, folly, jingoism and despair.

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An ordinary obsession

Christina Koning

VENUS FLARING
By Suzannah Dunn
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THIS IS a novel about obsessional love. The fact that those involved are two women, and that their relationship is not that of lovers, but friends, only intensifies the book's compelling power. In focusing on friendship — a relationship most of us take for granted — rather than on marriage or sexual liaison, Dunn shows again her gift for making the ordinary seem extraordinary.

When we first meet them, Veronica and Ornella are schoolfriends, drawn together by shared interests — in boys, in shopping — as well as by less tangible sympathies. Of the two, half-Italian Ornella is the dramatic one, given to extravagant gestures and displays of petulance. Veronica, the narrator, is enthralled by her from the start — allowing herself to become the foil for her friend's exotic beauty, and accepting her role as confidante and go-between in Ornella's love-life. The near-telepathic closeness of their friendship is shown in a series of vignettes — moments of complicity at school, or at a party — which encapsulate adolescence in all its solipsism and sexual uncertainty.

As the girls move into adulthood, the relationship whose intimacies we have been party to changes almost imperceptibly into something else. Ornella, who has specialised in medicine, takes up a post as a junior doctor in a London hospital — a job which, necessarily, allows her less time for her friend. Veronica, whose less structured career as a freelance journalist leaves her with time on her hands, finds herself increasingly marginalised — no longer a person of importance in Ornella's life. This diminished role is all the more hurtful to her because Ornella herself seems unaware of it. When Ornella decides to get married, Veronica finds herself, doubly excluded.

It is at this point in the novel that Veronica's feelings towards Ornella start to seem like unhealthy fixation. She counts the days between Ornella's telephone calls, and when her friend neglects to phone her, she interprets this as a deliberate slight. She starts following Ornella home from work. With a subtlety which characterises the book as a whole, Dunn charts Veronica's descent from obsession into madness, culminating in the crime of passion which both consummates her relationship with the other woman and destroys it.

The precision with which Dunn anatomises the book's central relationship is one reason for its success; another is the crispness of her writing. Dunn's ear for the rhythms of adolescent speech is unerring, her feeling for the minutiae of experience acute. She is not a mannered writer, and her understated style can often seem like no more than reportage. Of course it is nothing of the kind; it takes a good deal of artistry to create the illusion of real life, and Dunn has managed something more difficult still, which is to show us how strange real life can be.

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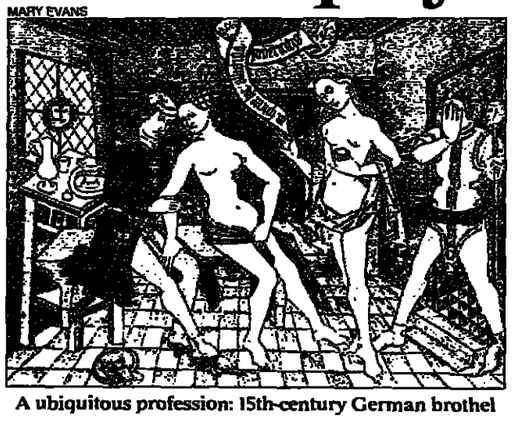
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A ubiquitous profession: 15th-century German brothel

Kate Bassett

COMMON WOMEN
Prostitution and Sexuality in Medieval England
By Ruth Mazo Karras
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Whores are a perennially intriguing subject, for good or bad. The fascination with them springs from conflicting associations. Prostitutes can be viewed as embodiments of our desires and our fears; as a danger or a refuge; as bold rebels escaping traditional female niches, or as subjugated victims under men's thumbs. They arouse interest whether we find ourselves attracted, outraged or both at once.

We can feel sympathetic one moment, scornful the next, or just curiously in the dark about these conspicuous figures who are familiar to everybody yet rarely really understood. Straddling the centuries, prostitution has proved a persistent business.

Ruth Mazo Karras is wised-up to the feminist arguments which surround the subject today. Karras, resisting generalisations about prostitution down the ages, focuses on the sex trade in the Middle Ages in England.

She comes to the conclusion that prostitution in this period influenced the concept of feminine sexuality generally. This deeply affected gender relations and apparently justified measures to maintain control over women in all walks of life.

Karras's research uncovers obscure legal records. She investigates the economic and demographic specifics of the 150 years after the Black Death to the close of the 15th century. This she defines, overall, as an era of social change, of population growth, of rural displacement because of enclosure, of expanding urban manufacturing. Such sociopolitical factors, Karras suggests, encouraged women into whoredom. She holds that, counter to some more positive assessments of the business, becoming a prostitute involved more social coercion than assured self-determination.

Ambivalent medieval attitudes towards prostitutes are also surveyed, notably the ecclesiastical and judicial approaches to the stews. Some brothels were banned, some tolerated, others actually institutionalised, the latter simultaneously indicating acceptance and the insinuation of restrictive powers.

The virtue of Karras's work is that it holds our often-fictional images of prostitutes up against historical facts. It has to be said, however, that her thesis-style prose can be off-putting to the reader.

Nevertheless, when Karras homes in on specific court cases against bawds, archival records prove rich with vivid details. We learn of women charged with wantonness being publicly paraded in striped hoods, symbolic white rods in their hands. We read of Alice Dymmok of Great Yarmouth fined for keeping a suspicious house, assaulting people and milking others' cows. In York, Isabella Wakefield was punished for fornication with Peter Bird, a priest to whom she kept returning.

These women come alive again. As Karras gathers them together, their sheer diversity constantly comfortingly proves her initial overviews too narrow. Meanwhile, meagre legal documentation leaves many questions unanswered. These women's histories remain tantalisingly, mostly a mystery.

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New laws for an alternative universe

John Habgood on an unusual attempt to forge a meeting of minds

NATURAL GRACE
Dialogues on Science and Spirituality
By Rupert Sheldrake and Matthew Fox
Bloomsbury, £12.99
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Unconventional thinkers can usually be assured of publicity in these enlightened days. When the topic is one which feeds directly into widespread discontents about Western culture, and when the authors tread boldly through fiercely disputed territory, success is inevitable. Many people will find comfort and inspiration in this book. But should they?

Matthew Fox is well known in ecological circles for his "creation spirituality". He is a disciple of the 13th-century mystic, Meister Eckhart, whom he quotes extensively and illuminatingly throughout these dialogues. His enthusiasm towards everything under the sun, and the attractiveness of his style, make it easy to see why he is regarded as one of the high priests of environmentalism. The Vatican expelled him from the Dominican Order in 1993.

Rupert Sheldrake is a Christian biologist, much influenced by his work in India, who rebelled against orthodox biology as being too mechanistic, and gave the world his theory of morphic resonance. The basic idea is that in an evolutionary cosmos natural laws ought to be understood as habits which are reinforced by repetition, rather than as mathematical decrees written in the heavens. He is not alone in his discontent with modern biology, but morphic resonance remains highly elusive.

Together Fox and Sheldrake make a heady mixture, and the book fizzes with ideas. Unfortunately its dialogue form means that none of these are worked out with any degree of thoroughness, and at the awkward points the conversation simply moves on. Both authors agree that the current mechanistic models of the universe need to be replaced by organic ones which allow a proper place for the soul, and which are affirmative rather than destructive.



Fox, Sheldrake: fizzing with ideas

But indiscriminate affirmation leads to some odd results. The Virgin Mary, for instance, becomes Mother Nature, and we are introduced to "The Eucharistic Law of the Universe", whereby everything "eats or gets eaten in some form or other". There is no recognition that organic models have been tried before, as in Gnosticism in the 2nd century, or by Renaissance thinkers like Paracelsus, or in German *Naturphilosophie*, with not altogether happy results.

A fairly typical exchange explores the idea of "largeness of soul". Sheldrake develops the point that in looking at someone we are not merely receiving light rays into our eyes but are in some non-metaphorical sense projecting a mental image onto them. The "proof" of this is that people can tell when they are being looked at. Not only does this extraordinary idea overturn one of the things Descartes surely got right, namely that thoughts are not located in space but, as is typical with this kind of speculation, it proves far too much. If everything is influenced by being looked at, then one would expect the evidence for it to be everywhere, just as one would expect morphic resonance, if it exists, to be as evident as the force of gravity.

I am in fact deeply suspicious of Sheldrake's science. A quite helpful conversation on mystical darkness begins with an absurd misinterpretation of the light and dark interference patterns in diffracted light. At least I think it is a misinterpretation, but the whole account is so loosely worded that it is difficult to tell. It is a relief when Fox brings the conversation back to Eckhart. "The ground of the soul is dark." Indeed. But it is not long before morphic resonance rears its head as an explanation of religious ritual.

I do not wish to carp. There are some good things in the book. I like the rhapsody on grace, the emphasis on praise, the encouragement of creativity. I am taken by the suggestion that the great mystics should be read in a bubble bath so that our rational intellect can be soothed out of the way. I also applaud the attempt to find a meeting of minds and spirits from two very different starting points.

But if this is to be fruitful there has to be intellectual discipline, and preferably the participants have to speak out of the centre of the traditions they represent. The trouble with being a rebel is that one can speculate freely and make almost any linkages one chooses, but these carry little weight because they are not attached to the main body of knowledge. The result is likely to be exhilarating but insubstantial.

Drink deep, think again

What is it about George Crabbe? Last year saw the first publication of his long poem *The Voluntary Insane*, which had been found in manuscript by a dealer, Felix Pryor, who edited it for Richard Cohen Books (£12.99). Now Roy Davids has found two further unpublished Crabbe poems.

The Tavern, seven stanzas in praise of the pub, starts: "All the Comforts of Life in a Tavern are known/ 'Tis his Home who possesses not one of his Own . . . " These poems turned up among a treasury of papers collected by Richard Monckton Milnes, the early editor and biographer of Keats, which had been unsifted for more than a century. Meanwhile, copies of early editions of the volumes that the Rev George Crabbe did publish have become rather common, after the sale of a significant collection. But prices vary widely: comparable first editions of *Tales of the Hall* (1819) were recently offered at £35 and £125 in different catalogues.

As Crabbe's titles vouch, he is a parochial poet, and even in his lifetime he was thought old-fashioned, but it is a mistake to condescend to his knowledge of the heart and the hearth. Critics may mock, but Crabbe will have his day.

BIBLIOMANE

WHEN A member of the Roxburghe Club decides to sell his library, the trade holds its breath. For the club is the most exclusive of societies for book collectors.

After 40 years of collecting in England and America, Anthony Hobson has sent his books to Sotheby's, where he once headed the book department, and of which his father had been chairman. "One word explains why," he says. "Lloyd's."

Hobson's collections are of the great 20th-century authors. As a friend puts it, "the Auden, Graves, Eliot, Waugh and Woolf are remarkable, the Yeats is staggering". The sale takes place on June 28, during the week of the London bookfairs.

Manuscripts can be a mixed blessing. When the first 665 pages of Mark Twain's *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* turned up in 1990 there was much excitement. But the new edition from Bloomsbury is neither a new text nor a facsimile, but a rather disappointing interim report.

It calls itself the "Comprehensive Edition", but then concedes that it is really only "more comprehensive". Finally it lets on that the Mark Twain Project is planning yet another edition, "with a complete textual apparatus, noting in thorough and detailed form all the variations between the manuscript . . . and the authorially approved, printed text" (which is what a textual apparatus is).

The new manuscript contains, as the introduction puts it, "chunks" of material that Twain omitted. Unfortunately, these chunks amount to only perhaps half-a-dozen entirely new pages of text, and one cannot blithely reinstate all of Twain's crossings-out just for novelty's sake.

So the drama of discovery is not matched by any impact on literary history. Generally, the manuscript is characterised by the sort of improvements of phrasing one would expect from an author doing his job of writing as well as he can. But Twain is frustratingly oblivious to modern America's correcitudes.

His editors are flummoxed. They kinda see that critical prescriptivism is crass, but they can't help imposing their views of what Twain was up to when he revised this or that; tellingly, they call this "the book we love to hate and wish had never happened".

JIM MCCUE

She was a showgirl

Flora Fraser

LOLA MONTEZ
A Life
By Bruce Seymour
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No one but a child of British Empire builders would have dared adopt, as did one Eliza Gilbert in the 1840s, the personality of Donna Lola Montez, aristocratic Spanish dancer with an explosive temper and a passion for celebrated lovers ranging from the composer Liszt to King Ludwig I of Bavaria. Lola Montez has long been a name to conjure with in Europe, Australia and America, an exotic fraud who took a horsewhip to those who dared question her fantasies. I revelled in Bruce Seymour's entertaining new biography of this shameless adventuress.

Eliza Gilbert was born in 1820, daughter of Edward Gilbert, an English ensign serving in County Cork and of a pretty milliner's assistant. Within four years Mrs Gilbert was widowed. Eliza fatherless, and both surviving on a small Army widow's pension at Dinapore near Patna in India.

Edward had died from cholera within days of arrival at the garrison where he had hoped for adventure and advancement. Mrs Gilbert, resourceful in extremity, soon snared a new husband in Lieutenant Patrick Craigie from Montrose in Scotland. When the itinerant Craigies were posted to Meerut near Delhi, six-year-old Eliza Gilbert was dispatched "back home" to Montrose, which would serve as a launching pad for a course of superior English schooling paid for by her stepfather.

Eliza emerged from a Bath boarding school in 1837 a dazzling 17-year-old, met her mother who had travelled from India for the first time since she was six — and quarrelled with her. Confounding plans for her marriage to an elderly major-general in Bengal, she ran off to Ireland with a 30-year-old lieutenant, Thomas James, himself on leave from India.

Marriage and life with his regiment out in northern India failed to appeal to Eliza. By the age of 20 she was bound for England once more where, it was proposed, she should live on a small income supplied by her estranged husband and in social ignominy.

Eliza promptly started up a flagrant shipboard affair with a nephew of the Duke of Richmond, and when that failed, sailed for Cadiz. While her husband James pursued her in the divorce courts in England, Eliza was picking up a smattering of Spanish — language, dancing, and customs including pistol-shooting and cigar-smoking. They were to be the principal accoutrements of the Spanish dancer, Lola Montez, who made her debut at Her Majesty's Theatre, Haymarket, in the summer of 1843. Eliza Gilbert James was no more; Lola, aristocratic victim of the Carlist wars, was born.



Lola Montez with the Arapaho chief Light in the Clouds, whom she met in Philadelphia in 1852

In all the wild adventures and turmoil and scandal which followed, the audacity of Lola's London debut remains breathtaking. She had barely the steps required for even two dances — one entitled "Death to the Tarantula" — in her repertoire, yet *The Times* expressed itself as grateful to have seen "a Spanish dance by a Spaniard, executed after the Spanish fashion".

Further celebrity performances throughout Europe — and stormy romances with royal princelings, rows with *gendarmes* and expulsion from Poland — culminated in a fiasco at the Paris Opera where Lola Montez failed to fool a critical public. Her lover was killed in a duel in the Bois. And creditors were pressing.

Seymour's narrative of Lola's various masquerades is so absorbing that the reader rarely has time to wonder where he has mined his information. But it is worth noting that he is the co-editor of the correspondence of Lola and King Ludwig I of Bavaria. The chapters in this biography relating Lola's enchantment of Ludwig in Munich in 1846 — and the disastrous consequences in the year of revolution, 1848 — make superb reading. In a minor key, because they become a catalogue of travels, of increasingly ineffective performances as Lola's fire diminishes and of lecture tours, are the chapters which follow Lola to New Orleans, Melbourne and to her early death in New York in 1861.

Through the hell of his passions

Roy Porter

CARL GUSTAV JUNG
By Frank McLynn
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Why Vienna was the cradle of psychoanalysis is not hard to seek. But Zurich's great contribution to depth psychology is often neglected, and not the last virtue of Frank McLynn's surefooted life of Switzerland's greatest mind-doctor is to show how that country became the Mecca of psychoanalysis for the gentiles. Shielded behind their Alpine defences, the Swiss could boast all the contradictions from which neuroses spring: an exterior respectable, conservative, pious, moneyed — and a brooding narcissism befitting Europe's oddest and most insular nation, the homeland of the very first Romantic genius, Jean-Jacques Rousseau. Who better embodied these paradoxes than Carl Gustav Jung?

The creative tensions sparking Jung's genius arose directly from his parentage — his father a gloomy, introverted, erudite Protestant pastor; his mother dominant, demanding, superstitious and spooky. Small wonder that their brilliant son, who lost his faith, having trained in medicine and turned to psychiatry, homed in on personality dichotomies: proceeding to formulate theories about the *animus* and the *anima*, extroverts and introverts.

Jung's life oscillated round contrary drives and desires. A gourmet who married for money, he loved hobnobbing with the Rockefellers and their ilk; yet he equally craved hermit-like seclusion at his beloved lakeshore retreat.

Biographers have highlighted the traumatic six years of Jung's association with Freud, during which he rose to become "crown prince" before their explosive falling out in 1912. The role in that tragicomedy played by Sabina Spielrein, Jung's infatuated patient/mistress who defected to the Freudian camp, is here sensitively handled, as McLynn points out the contrasts between those sex-obsessed Oedipal rivals: Freud interminably talking dirty with his patients but never doing it, Jung having affairs with many of his clients while his theories denied the supremacy of sex. Both were hypocrites in their own fashion, but it is hard to resist Freud's *bon mot* on Jung's conduct towards Spielrein: "A gentleman should not do such things, even unconsciously".

The split with Freud induced psychic collapse in Jung. But unlike some, McLynn is no less fascinated by what came after — and Jung lived for a further half-century of introspection. Jungian philosophy sets great store by "individuation": taking the hint, his biographer shows how Jung himself grew more isolated and idiosyncratic in his views, cushioned by ample wealth and encouraged by female admirers who revered the guru and his new spiritual gospel. Early interest in archetypes and symbols passed into later obsessions with alchemy (interpreted as a prefiguring of his psychology), and with astrology and the paranormal, ending in studies of flying saucers.

Meanwhile, Jung's politics moved from mere ultra-conservatism to a flirtation with Fascism ("an original man with good taste" was his verdict on Mussolini) and then to virulent Cold War anti-communism. And all the while his vanity grew more absurd. After a heart attack, a near-death dream presented him floating in the empyrean with 30 women clamouring for his return to Earth.

The lofty mystical voyager into the collective unconscious might seem a strange choice for the biographer of action-men like Stanley and Sir Richard Burton, and academics may gleefully seize upon occasional slips.

But in truth, as an outsider free from the petty jealousies of psychopolitics, McLynn is just the man for the job. Here is Jung warts and all, a self-centred, grandiose prima donna, even if talk of his "notorious promiscuity" is a shade over the top. That the world had misunderstood him was almost the last thing Jung ever said; he might have felt the same of McLynn's nonsense biography, but it may prove our best rounded portrait until the Jung clan unlocks the secrets in his private papers.

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Carl Jung: mystical voyager

Lost children of mitochondrial Eve?

Mark Ridley

THE NEANDERTAL ENIGMA
Solving the Mystery of Human Origins
By James Shreeve
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IMAGINE a world in which all Bibles are manuscripts, copied by monkish scribes. You can trace back which manuscript was copied from which other manuscript, even if you have not seen the monks at work, by following their mistakes. Once a mistake is made, it can be used to follow a whole lineage of manuscripts from that original.

As you trace manuscripts back in time, you reconstruct a manuscript "tree", which shows which MS begat which. If you trace back far enough you come to a time when there was only one (perhaps hypothetical) deep ancestral Bible.

What can you infer from this ancestral Bible? Was it the first Bible, perhaps? Answer: probably not (it may have been copied from still earlier ones). Was it the only Bible in existence at that time? Probably not (there could have been any number of others, which have not left copies today). And would that Bible tell us when and where modern Christianity originated? No: the ancestral MS might have been written at any of a range of times, in any monastery in Europe; nothing forces it to have been written in the Holy Land at the time of Christ. Welcome to the "mitochondrial Eve" controversy.

Mitochondria are structures inside all our cells. They contain a little text of DNA (about 1/200,000 of our complete DNA library). Mitochondrial DNA is copied when we breed: fragile inference suggests that our ancestral mitochondrial DNA lived in a woman (otherwise known as "mitochondrial Eve") in Africa, maybe 100,000 to 200,000 years ago.

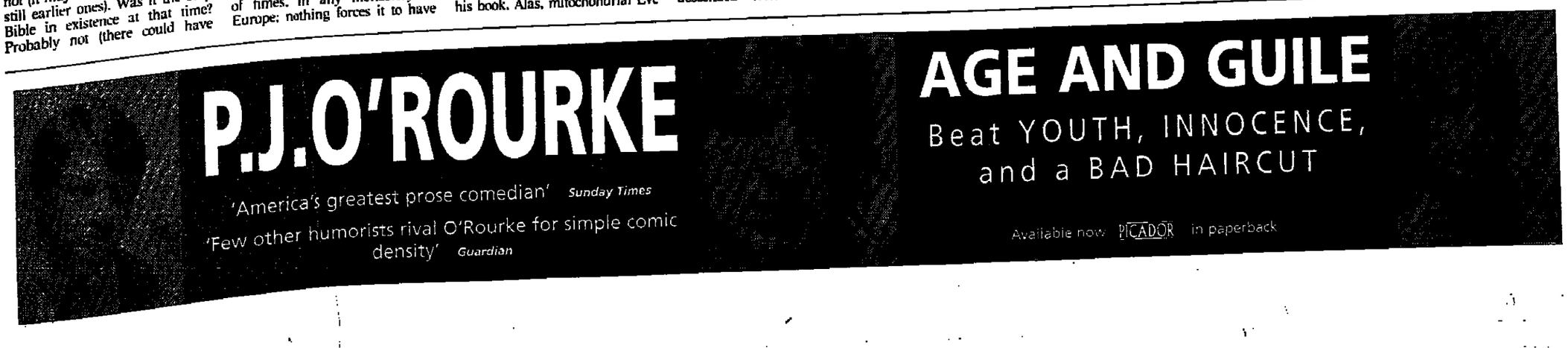
The problem is that this time and place have repeatedly been taken for the time when and place where modern humans evolved. Shreeve innocently repeats the *canard* in his book. Alas, mitochondrial Eve tells us no more about human origins than a manuscript tree tells us about the origin of a religion. Indeed, it probably tells us less, because texts matter in the origin of religions whereas the origin of humans probably had nothing to do with mitochondria.

If you swallow the mitochondrial Eve theory, one implication is that modern Europeans are not descended from Neanderthals. The Neanderthals (most scientists regard Shreeve's spelling, Neandertal, as erroneous) are a distinct group of fossil humans who inhabited Europe maybe 250,000 to 40,000 years ago. Some have argued that modern Europeans are descended from Neanderthals, modern Africans from indigenous African contemporaries of Neanderthals, and modern Asians from Asian contemporaries of Neanderthals.

IF, HOWEVER, all humans are descended from Africans who lived 100,000 or more years ago, the Neanderthals must have been an evolutionary dead-end, replaced by African colonists 40,000 years ago. Hence the word "Neandertal" in Shreeve's title, but his subtitle is more accurate (if you ignore the word "solving").

Shreeve likes personal antagonisms, and has little time for depersonalised evidence. He is an American science journalist, and has interviewed the main experts. He explains the party-lines, but tells us little about how they can be tested. We meet Chris Stringer (of the Natural History Museum, London) and Milford Wolpoff (of Michigan) and learn how they lose their tempers with each other. The nearest we get to evidence is when Chris Stringer pulls bones out of boxes in the Natural History Museum, like rabbits out of a hat.

Shreeve is better on some parts of the science than others. His treatment of the fossil bones and mitochondrial Eve is confused and misses the main problem, but he is better in two chapters on archaeology. He has, for instance, a nice bit about how he learnt to make stone tools. But it is in all a book for readers who are more interested in the personalities, rather than the intellectual content, of science.



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Italian Studies: MA 12FT 24PT
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Aston U
Principles of Teaching English as a Foreign Language: Advanced PGCert 7DL January; Prof Frank Knowles Tel: 0121 359 3611 ext 4241 Fax: 0121 359 2725
Professional and Business Communication: MSc 12FT 24 DL: Prof F E Knowles Tel: 0121 359 *3611 ext 4241*
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Fisheries Technology: MSc 12FT up to 48PT. PGDip 9FT up to 48PT: Tel: 01482
Inland Fisheries Management: MSc 12FT up to 48PT. PGDip 9FT up to 48PT: Tel: 01482

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Agricultural Economics: MSc 12/24FT DL 24 (min) PT + DL15(min). PGDip DL12 (min) PT + DL15(min)
Applied Plant Sciences: MSc 12FT
Crop Science: PGDip 9FT
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Management of Soil Fertility: MSc 12FT 24PT: Dorothy Buss Tel: 01734 875123/ 316586
Plant Breeding and Crop Improvement: MPhil 24FT: Dorothy Buss Tel: 01734 875123/ 316586
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Technology of Crop Protection: MSc 12FT. PGDip 11FT: Dorothy Buss Tel: 01734 875123/ 316586
Tropical Agricultural Development: MAgrSc 24FT. MSc 12FT. PGDip 9FT: Dorothy Buss Tel: 01734 875123/ 316586
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Lowland Forest Management: MA 12FT. PGDip 9FT
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Biochemistry (Genetic Manipulation and Molecular *Biology): MSc 12FT*
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Ecology: MSc 24FT. PGDip 12FT
Genetics: MSc 24FT. PGDip 12FT
Microbiology: MSc 24FT. PGDip 12FT
Molecular Biology: MSc 24FT. *PGDip* 12FT
Molecular Plant Pathology: MSc 12FT. MSc 24FT. PGDip 12FT
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Molecular Genetics (Molecular Ecology: MSc 12FT. PGDip 12FT: Dr C Ferris Tel: 0116 252 5152

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Molecular Modelling and *Bioinformatics: MSc 12FT 24PT*: Dr Beatrice Gorinsky Tel: 0171 631 6800/ Fax: 0171 631 6270

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Research: MRes 12FT

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Genetic Toxicology: PGDip (C) 9FT 18PT
Genetics and its Applications: MSc 12FT. PGDip (C) 9FT
Molecular Biology: MSc 12FT. PGDip (C) 9FT

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Wolverhampton U
Applied Microbiology and Biotechnology: MSc 12FT 24PT. PGDip 12FT 24PT: School of Applied Sciences Tel: 01902 321051

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Food Technology: MSc 12FT
Food and Agricultural Biotechnology: MSc 12FT 36PT

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Leisure and Food Studies: MSc 15FT 36PT. PGDip 12FT 24PT. PGCert 6FT 12FT

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Bargains galore in Channel war

BY STEVE KEENAN

THE cost of crossing the Channel this summer has been cut by two-thirds to below £100 for peak-season fares. Sea France's offer of a new £95 fare, the lowest for years for Friday or Saturday crossings on Dover-Calais during school holidays, saves families £233 on off-peak season fares previously offered by the line and other Strait of Dover rivals for this summer.

The latest twist in the cross-Channel price war comes after Eurotunnel's move to cut prices for travel on its car-carrying Le Shuttle service. The company cut peak prices to £129 last week.

Robin Wilkins, the managing director, said: "If Eurotunnel is going to wage war with the ferries, Sea France is determined to be a key player. As the battle for control of the Channel becomes increasingly more aggressive, we have cut our fares accordingly. Other companies may say they match fares, but we set them."

P&O European Ferries and Stena Line have already said they will match any fare on the cut-throat ferry market from Dover, a route which accounts for 80 per cent of all cross-Channel travellers.

But despite the over-capacity on the route, Sea France will introduce a third ship from Dover on July 1. This summer, there will be 81 daily Dover ferry sailings compared with 66 last summer. Le Shuttle will run up to 40 crossings a day.

Some observers believe fares could fall even lower if Hoverspeed, as expected, responds to the fare initiatives from Sea France and Le Shuttle. Hoverspeed's lowest fare is £129.

Last week, Bill Dix, Eurotunnel's commercial director, said: "There is no doubt the Channel has been over-priced for years. It is 26 miles of water, not the Atlantic. Too many boats are chasing too few people, at prices ranging from £1 to more than £300. This civil war has resulted in the economics of the madhouse."

But P&O and Stena, while offering cheap daytrip and shortbreak prices, are now unlikely to cut peak prices, instead hoping their onboard shopping and duty-free facilities will win business.

Backed by a price-match promise, reservations staff have been trained to sell heavily to the growing number of passengers ringing around for the best bargains. A P&O official claimed the barrage of discounts has confused customers. "It is a very late-booking market," he said. "Most people are ringing around for the best offer of the day."

The price and duty-free war has savaged ferry profits this year. But P&O lashed out at Eurotunnel for fuelling the battle. The spokesman said: "Eurotunnel is being underwritten by the banks and unlike the ferries, does not have to worry about making a profit. Our volumes are not bad this year, but the rates are very low."

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HOLIDAYS

TENTS capable of sleeping up to six people are available from Sunday for £160 a week in Brittany, Cote d'Azur, Dordogne, Loire and the Vendee from EuroSites. Mobile homes available from £280. Details: 01706 830888.

■ SOMAK Holidays offers a week in Kenya at £399 a person, including a flight from Gatwick on Sunday and half-board accommodation at a beach hotel. Water sports are available. Details: 0181-423 3000.

■ LUNN Poly is targeting golfing dads with a three-night weekend offer to St Andrews beginning tomorrow and including Father's Day. Accommodation for a couple at the Rossacks Hotel is £110 a person a night and a round on the new course costs £25. Details: 01203 527511.

■ THE GOLF and holiday resort of Parque da Floresta in Algarve is offering accommodation in two and three-bedroom "golf village houses" from £97 a person a week until the end of June. A £50 supplement will include unlimited golf. Flights are not included. Details from Nicholas Travel: 01803 527515.

■ GRAND CANARY for £229 a person for a fortnight's self-catering Unijet holiday using a Gatwick flight on Monday is available from Co-op Travelcare. Details: 0161-827 1030.

■ CITALIA is offering a special deal to a four-star hotel in Sorrento on the Amalfi coast and overlooking the Bay of Naples for a week from June 28 for £449, including scheduled flights from Heathrow and half-board. Details: 0181-686 5533.

■ VILLAS in Provence overlooking the sea and forming part of a four-star hotel complex. Many sporting facilities are on offer for £399 a person for a week including return travel from Powder Byrne. Details: 0181-871 3300.

■ ARIZONA bargains are being offered by British Airways Holidays to mark the airline's new non-stop Gatwick-Phoenix service. A week at a three-star hotel in Scottsdale, car hire and flights will cost from £727 a person from July 1 to August 24. Details: 01293 723121.



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LE SHUTTLE is offering £99 return crossings through the Channel Tunnel for travel by July 15 and booked 14 days in advance. Other prices this summer include daytrips costing £49 for travel between 10pm and 6am (£59 daytime travel), five-day tickets £59 (£69) and standard returns £109 (£129). Details: 0990 353535.

■ HOVERSPEED has £84 standard return fares on Dover-Calais, £79 on Folkestone-Boulogne for a car and up to six passengers. Bookings must be made within 21 days of departure and are valid until July 17, available through Eurodrive. Details: 0181-324 4000.

■ P&O European Ferries has daytrips for £15 a car and £1 a passenger on its Dover-Calais route until June 30: £19 a car and £4 a passenger from July 1 until the end of the year. Details: 0990 980980.

■ DRIVELINE Europe is selling 28-day P&O crossings on the Portsmouth to Le Havre or Cherbourg routes for £159 for a car and up to five passengers. Details: 01707 660011.

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■ AIR Canada has lowered business-class fares to Halifax, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. From June 17 an Apex fare to any of the three Western cities costs £1,099, while Halifax costs £799. Some restrictions apply. Details: 0990 247 226.

■ TRAVEL Warehouse has a £240 return fare to New York this month with Virgin Atlantic or American Airlines. Details: 0171-414 8808.

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■ CHAMPAGNE is on a half-price promotion at the Rib Bar at the Hyatt Carlton Tower in London's Knightsbridge until September 1. Details: 0171-235 1234.

■ THE Ritz-Carlton chain of mainly American hotels, and its new property in Barcelona, is offering summer rates up to 20 per cent lower for guests paying by American Express. The offer includes double frequent-flyer points for United Airlines Mileage Plus members and half price for additional rooms for children under 18. Details: 0800 234000.

■ TICKETS for the Channel Tunnel exhibition or Leeds Castle near Maidstone, Kent, are included in a two-night half-board package on offer from the Wateringbury Hotel near Maidstone. The price is £80 a person, including picnic lunch. Details: 01622 812632.

■ ADMISSION to the Royal Academy's summer exhibition is included in the arts package from Brown's Hotel in Central London. Price is £98 a person for one night. Details: 0171-493 6020.

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RACING: POWERFUL CHALLENGE FOR TWO-YEAR-OLD PRIZES AT ROYAL ASCOT

Cole places emphasis on youth

By Julian Muscat

PAUL COLE has secured Pat Eddery for Fletcher, who opens the Whatcombe trainer's assault on Royal Ascot's juvenile prizes in the Coventry Stakes on Tuesday. Eddery will replace Richard Quinn, Cole's stable jockey, who collected a three-day riding ban for dropping his hands aboard Punishment in the Coronation Cup. With Cole intent on matching the juvenile treble he achieved at this fixture five years ago, Quinn's error could prove costly.

Fletcher could be joined in the Coventry Stakes by Tuscany, a recent winner at Goodwood. A decision will be made after the colt works on Saturday. Dance Parade, the mount of Mick Kinane, is to join More Silver, the likely favourite for the Queen Mary Stakes. And Cole may saddle a third Queen Mary runner in Dame Laura, a winner at Newmarket last month.

But Cole was guarded about repeating the victories of Dilum (Coventry Stakes), Magic Ring (Norfolk) and Fair Cop (Chesham) in 1991. "That was a once-in-a-lifetime thing," he said yesterday. "We did have three winners at the meeting two years ago but that wasn't with the two-year-olds. Just one winner would be fantastic. Every trainer has to make a show at Royal Ascot so every race is difficult to win."

The Coventry Stakes is a case in point. In opposition to Fletcher is the unbeaten Deadly Dudley and Shock Value, trained by Michael Stoute. But Cole should know where he stands with Shock Value, who beat another of Cole's in Barrier King at Newmarket two weeks ago. Indeed, so active has Cole been on the juvenile front — 12 individual winners and a strike rate of 36 per cent — that he has plenty of form-lines to contemplate.

Deadly Dudley's Goodwood win was gained at the expense of Granny's Pet. Cole's runner in the Windsor Castle Stakes, "Granny's Pet is very fast but my best chances rest with More Silver and Belgravia, who goes in the Chesham Stakes," Cole said. "Belgravia has improved a lot from his York victory."

Of the older horses, Leonine has prospects in the Jersey Stakes and Montjoy should have the strong pace he requires in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes. Green Perfume has a choice of the Royal Hunt Cup or Wokingham Handicap. Merit, the runaway winner of the Chester Cup, tackles the Ascot Stakes on Tuesday and victory there would see him turn out three days later in the Queen Alexandra Stakes.

The British Horseracing Board (BHB) yesterday published its Sunday fixture list for 1997, which goes some way towards meeting bookmaker demands. Bookmakers have been critical of the present format, which embraces 12 Sunday dates scattered through the year. From 1997, there will be two separate blocks on three consecutive weekends in May and August.

Off-course bookmakers argue that staging Sunday racing in consecutive blocks will breed familiarity with punters and allow them better to market the product. Also, the BHB has ensured there will be three Sunday meetings on each of the 12 dates.

Whereas Sunday racing appeals strongly to racecourses, the sheer volume of racing threatens to overwhelm smaller stables. The new format means that racing will take place every day for 27 consecutive days on two occasions: from April 28 to May 24; and July 28 to August 23.

MARTIN LYNCH



Green Perfume will represent Cole in either the Royal Hunt Cup or Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SARDONIC (3.30 Newbury)
Next best: Charlie Sillett (3.00 Newbury)

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2.00 Ocean Ridge	3.30 BALALAIKA (nap)
2.30 Wolf Mountain	4.00 Gumair
3.00 Everglades	4.30 High Summer
	5.00 Knobbleeneeze

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 Balalaika.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell P — pulled up U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up R — refused D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last running. J if jumps. F if flat. JF — blinkers. V — visor H — hood E — Eyeshield. C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner BF — beaten favourite in latest race. Going on which horse has won: HF — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy. Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O £3,727: 6f 8yd) (13 runners)

101 (5) ABACAXI (Lord Vestey) R Charlton 9-0 — S Sanders —
102 (10) *ELLENS LAD (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 9-0* — Pat Eddery —
103 (9) EUROLINK EXCALIBER (Eurolink Plc) J Dunlop 9-0 — T Quinn —
104 (11) FARINGDON FUTURE (R Barrycarte) B Hills 9-0 — M Hills —
105 (13) MAFTOOL (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 — W Carson —
106 (13) MARSAD (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 9-0 — R Hills —
107 (6) MR BOMBASTIQUE (A Al-Sagr) B Hills 9-0 — J D Smith (5) —
108 (12) PAPUA (R Hitchins) I Balding 9-0 — L Dettori —
109 (11) *PRINCE OF FORTUNE (P Di Fortuna Partners) M McCormack 9-0* — J F Egan —
110 (12) RUPERT'S DOUBLE (N Hunter) B Meehan 9-0 — B Doyle —
111 (7) SHARE DELIGHT (A Morton) B Hills 9-0 — B Thomson —
112 (14) STATE FAIR (R Richards) B Hills 9-0 — R Street —
113 (8) OCEAN RIDGE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 — J Reid —

BETTING: 3-1 Marsad 5-1 Ocean Ridge, Faringdon Future 6-1 Eurolink Excalibur 7-1 Abacaxi, Papua, 9-1 Share Delight 10-1 others.

1995: RESOUNDER 9-7 L Dettori (3-1 fav) J Gosden 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABACAXI (sold May 17) Second foal by Alzao. Brother to Lea Dancer, 1m 11 winner. ELLENS LAD (May 6) Third foal by Polish Patriot dam half-sister to Indian Ridge, placed over 5f as juvenile. FARINGDON FUTURE (Jan 20) First foal by Distant Relative dam half-sister to grade 2 winner Minister Wise 1m 3f winner in France. MAFTOOL (Mar 2) First foal by Machiavellian dam won Group 3 May Hill Stakes. PAPUA (Mar 21) Half-brother by Green Dancer to numerous winners here and in North America. OCEAN RIDGE (Mar 18) Second foal by Storm Bird half-sister to winning sprinter Alpine Twist. No selection.

2.30 KINGSCLERE CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £6,011: 6f 8yd) (6 runners)

201 (6) FUN GALORE (Mrs H Al Maktoum) B Hills 8-11 — M Hills —
202 (3) INTIYATI (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11 — W Carson —
203 (1) PEARTREE HOUSE (Nizzwyn Stud) B Hills 8-11 — Pat Eddery —
204 (4) WOLF MOUNTAIN (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 8-11 — L Dettori —
205 (5) 14 HIL RHAPSODY 21 (G) (A Rread) B Palling 8-9 — T Sprake —
206 (2) *ISSINA (R Hitchins) I Balding 8-6* — W Ryan —

BETTING: 3-1 Intiyati, 7-2 Fun Galore, Peartree House, 4-1 Issina, 9-2 Wolf Mountain, 10-1 Hil Rhapsody

1995: MORE ROYAL 8-7 L Dettori (5-11) I Balding 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

FUN GALORE (Apr 23). Half-brother by Gone West to a maiden hurdler INTIYATI (Apr 7). Second foal by Chief's Crown, dam, half-sister to Absaroka. 6l-1m 2f winner PEARTREE HOUSE (Apr 24). *Half-brother by Simply Majestic to a multiple winner in North America.* WOLF MOUNTAIN (Apr 16). *Half-brother by Selkirk to Miche, 1000 Guineas* runner-up. HIL RHAPSODY about 2l 4th of 5 to Naked Power in conditions race at Goodwood (6f, soft) TISSIMA (Apr 13) Half-sister by Selkirk to *Heartbreak House, 7l winner abroad.*
Selection: HIL RHAPSODY

3.00 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP
(£8,136: 7f) (7 runners)

301 (2) 21201-1 HI NOD 19 (D,F,G) (B Nordan) M Camacho 6-8-7 — L Charnock (6)
302 (1) 300400- CLASSIC SKY 264 (CD,F,G) (S Suhail) E Dunlop 5-9-5 — R Hills 94
303 (5) 0445-20 EVERGLADES 30 (CD,F,G) (Mrs S Lussier) R Charlton 8-9-5 — Pat Eddery 98
304 (8) *34-3110 PRIMO LARA 40 (D,BF,F) (Thanet Leasing) P Harris 4-8-7* — G Hind 98
305 (4) 6101-06 CHARLIE SILLETT 22 (D,F,S) (J Sillett) B Hills 4-8-7 — M Hills 98
306 (3) 0004-02 CZARINA 27 (D,S) (Mrs S Calkins) C Brittain 5-8-7 — B Doyle 98
307 (7) 6414-03 OCEAN GROVE 38 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-7-13 — J Quinn 92

Long handicap: Charlie Sillett 8-5, Czarina 8-4

BETTING: 7-2 Everglades, 4-1 Hi Nod, 9-2 Charlie Sillett, 6-1 Classic Sky, Czarina, 8-1 Primo Lara, Ocean Grove.

1995: CELESTIAL KEY 5-9-3 D Holland (9-2) M Johnston 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

HI NOD beat Pergamon ½l in 10-runner handicap at Doncaster (7f, good) EVERGLADES 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Mistral in conditions race at Salisbury (6f, good to firm) PRIMO LARA beat Ochos Rios 3½l in 16-runner handicap at Thirsk (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. CHARLIE SILLETT about 2l 6th of 13 to Montserrat in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good) CZARINA 1l 2nd of 6 to Sasedo in handicap at Newmarket (7f, good) OCEAN GROVE 8¼l 3rd of 7 to Fond Embrace in conditions race at Pontefract (5f, good to soft).
Selection: EVERGLADES (nap)

3.30 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: 1m 2f 6yd) (11 runners)

401 (1) 113-023 ANTHELIA 26 (F,G) (Mrs C Lilley) G Wragg 8-9 — M Hills 77
402 (6) 1 BALALAIKA 12 (F) (H Springfield) L Cumani 8-9 — Pat Eddery 79
403 (5) 1 CABARET 25 (G) (J Allan) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 — J Reid 85
404 (11) 10 *-CARIBBEAN QUEST 256 (F) (M Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 8-9* — B Doyle 75
405 (8) 43-42 FLAME VALLEY 33 (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-9 — R Hills 97
406 (9) 12 KINLOCHEWE 29 (D,BF,G) (D Wills) H Cecil 8-9 — A McGlone (3)
407 (7) 21- MIN ALHAWA 292 (F) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-9 — W Carson 85
408 (3) 2022-20 PARROT JUNGLE 53 (F) (Sultan Al Kabeer) J Dunlop 8-9 — W J O'Connor 97
409 (10) 1 SARDONIC 28 (D,F) (H de Walden) H Cecil 8-9 — W Ryan 88
410 (2) 15-6 SHAWANNI 32 (G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 8-9 — L Dettori 98
411 (4) 1301- WITCH OF FIFE 264 (F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-9 — B Thomson 86

BETTING: 4-1 Shawanni, 9-2 Balalaika, 5-1 Sardonic, Anthelia, 7-1 Flame Valley, 15-2 Witch Of Fife, 8-1 Parrot Jungle, 10-1 others offers.

1995: LARROCHA 8-9 W R Swinburn (7-2) L Cumani 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANTHELIA short-head and 1¼l 3rd of 5 to L'Ami Louis in conditions race at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). BALALAIKA beat Iberian Dancer neck in 18-*runner maiden at Kempton (1m 1f, good to firm)* CABARET beat Nanda 3l in 6-runner maiden at Ripon (1m 1f, good) FLAME VALLEY 3½l 2nd of 4 to Lady Carla in listed race at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm) KINLOCHEWE 1½l 2nd of 6 to Ballade in conditions race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm) PARROT JUNGLE neck 2nd of 13 in Sea Spray m listed race at Kempton (1m, good) on penultimate start, with ANTHELIA about 5½l 9th. SARDONIC beat Serenes 8l in 11-runner maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm). SHAWANNI about 3l 6th of 9 to Ta Rib in group 1 Dubai Poule D'Essai Des Poulliches at Longchamp (1m, good)
Selection: FLAME VALLEY

4.00 FURLONG CLUB HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,974: 1m 4f 5yd) (10 runners)

501 (8) 400-100 MUHTADI 20 (B,G) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 — W Carson 95
502 (3) 033-2 PRESENT ARMS 8 (Fahs Salman) P Cole 9-7 — T Quinn 97
503 (4) 0556-0 GUNNAR 18 (D) (Chauncey) R Hannon 9-5 — Dane O'Neill (3) 95
504 (2) 0-00 REGAL EAGLE 19 (J Smiley) I Balding 9-4 — W Ryan 88
505 (6) 005-32 CEILIDH STAR 9 (J Grant) B Hills 9-1 — Pat Eddery (3) 98
506 (5) 060- SALLY'S TWINS 248 (L Doherty) J Moore 8-12 — J F Egan 88
507 (7) 0-12100 NIKITA'S STAR 24 (B,D,S) (Nikita's Partners) D M-Smith 8-11 — L Dettori 95
508 (9) 300-1 TEMPTRESS 13 (G) (A Oakley) P Walwyn 8-8 — S Sanders 86
509 (10) 41-3502 WILLIE RUSHTON 24 (G) (K Higson) G L Moore 8-8 — S Whitworth 93
510 (1) 50-0521 FOUR WEDDINGS 45 (V,D,F) (A Lomas) M Pipe 7-13 — G Bardwell 96

BETTING: 7-2 Temptress, 4-1 Present Arms, 9-2 Willie Rushton, 5-1 Four Weddings, Ceilidh Star, 8-1 Sally's Twins, 7-1 Regal Eagle, 10-1 others

1995: MONARCH 9-7 T Quinn (5-2 fav) P Cole 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUHTADI best effort this term beat Nasa No Bounds short-head in 15-runner handicap at Ripon (1m 2f, good) PRESENT ARMS 1¼l 2nd of 6 to Traceability in conditions race at Warwick (1m 3f, firm) CEILIDH STAR 3l 2nd of 11 to Dinoco River in handicap at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm). TEMPTRESS beat Mock Trial 1¼l in 4-runner maiden at Ayr (1m 2f, soft). WILLIE RUSHTON 7½l 2nd of 10 to Istlah in handicap at Windsor (1m 3f 135yd, good) with NIKITA'S STAR (8lb better off) 12½l 8th. FOUR WEDDINGS beat Champagne Warrior head in 16-runner seller at Pontefract (1m 4f, good to firm)
Selection: PRESENT ARMS

4.30 BUCKLEBURY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,046: 7f) (19 runners)

601 (17) 00-2202 ALPINE HIDEAWAY 26 (Mr M Breslin) B Hanbury 9-0 — W Ryan 91
602 (1) *DELLEN WALKER (Mrs C Harrington) D Elsworth 9-0* — A Procter —
603 (4) 00- FLYING HAROLD 223 (M Allen) M Channon 9-0 — Candy Morris 73
604 (14) 0-244 MELT THE CLOUDS 23 (Mrs S Godfrey) P Harris 9-0 — G Hind 93
605 (3) MEZZANOTTE (P Leonard) L Cumani 9-0 — D Urbina —
606 (8) 3 ORE IN THE EYE 34 (T Amyn) J Poulton 9-0 — P McGabe (3) 83
607 (18) 23 PROUD LOOK 58 (M Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 — R Hills 88
608 (10) 0-40 RED TIE AFFAIR 84 (T Neill) M Bell 9-0 — M Fenton —
609 (2) *RIVERS MAGIC (R Mead) D Chappell 9-0* — W J O'Connor —
610 (7) 0 SOVEREIGNS COURT 12 (Whiteways Racing) D Chappell 9-0 — B Thomson 88
611 (19) BAYDAH (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 — W Carson —
612 (12) 5 HIGHLAND RHAPSODY 22 (Mrs C Hanbury) J Balding 8-9 — M Hills 83
613 (16) HIGH SUMMER (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-9 — Pat Eddery —
614 (5) 02220-2 LUCKY REVENGE 7 (S Bayless) M Meade 8-9 — R Havlin (5) 92
615 (13) 52- MEDIEVAL LADY 232 (Summertime Stud) Lady Herries 8-9 — J Reid 97
616 (9) MIRAMI (Fort Partners) D Murray Smith 8-9 — Dane O'Neill (3) —
617 (15) 03- SABAAH ELFULL 274 (A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9 — M Roberts 92
618 (11) SANTELLA KATIE (R Tasane) D Chappell 8-9 — W Woods —
619 (6) 35- SUPAMOVA 261 (M Arbib) P Cole 8-9 — T Quinn 88

BETTING: 5-1 High Summits, 6-1 Mezzanotte, 8-1 Medieval Lady, Alpine Hideaway, 10-1 Melt The Clouds, 12-1 One In The Eye, Baydah, 14-1 others.

1995: RODERICK HUDSON 9-0 S Sanders (4-5 fav) J Toller 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALPINE HIDEAWAY 2l 2nd of 15 to Mirpa in maiden at Lingfield (6f, good to firm) ONE IN THE EYE 1¼l and neck 3rd of 9 to Iceni in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to firm). PROUD LOOK neck and 4l 3rd of 12 to Aerison Jane in maiden at Folkestone (7f, good to firm). LUCKY REVENGE 1¼l 2nd of 11 to Lionel Edwards in auction maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to firm). MEDIEVAL LADY neck 2nd of 10 to Mawsuf in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, 9lm) SABAAH ELFULL 2½l 3rd of 12 to Wavey in maiden at Beverley (7f 100yd, good) SUPAMOVA 10l last of 5 to Blue Duster in group I Cheveley Park at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: SUPAMOVA

5.00 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£3,501: 1m) (8 runners)

1 (2) 000621 KNOBBLEENEEZE 7 (V,C,D,F,6,5) M Channon 6-10-2 (6ex) — A Eddery (5) 97
2 (8) 22600-2 EASY JET 27 (Crown Partners) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-9 — Aimee Cook (5) 94
3 (4) 000 LA PELLEGRINA 16 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-1 — R Havlin (3) 92
4 (3) 0001'10- SET THE FASHION 218 (D,F,6,5) (R Matthews) D Williams 7-8-11 D Griffiths (5) 98
5 (5) 000001 HELIOS 9 (D,F,5) (Bay 40 Racing) N Vaziter 8-8-10 (6ex) — A Whelan 98
6 (7) 0-00142 FLYING PENNANT 13 (F) (C Harner) R Hannon 3-8-8 — Dane O'Neill 86
7 (1) 005-530 WILFULL LAD 17 (F) (D Caddy) M Meade 3-8-3 — M Henry (3) 89
8 (6) 060050 GREAT HALL 10 (B,C,F,6) (Miss M Fraser) P Cundell 7-7-11 Iona Wands (5) 98

BETTING: 11-4 Knobbleeneeze, 3-1 Easy Jet, Helios, 5-1 Flying Pennant, 8-1 La Pellegrina, Wilfull Lad, 10-1 others

1995: LEGENDARY LEAP 5-8-13 T Quinn (20-1) Lord Huntingdon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KNOBBLEENEEZE beat New Century 3½l in 12-runner handicap at Chester (7f, good to firm) EASY JET 1¼l 2nd of 8 to The Stager in conditions race at Newmarket (7f, good). LA PELLEGRINA ¾l and short-head 3rd of 12 to Stately Dancer in maiden at Salisbury (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SET THE FASHION beat Present Situation 1l in 12-runner handicap at Lingfield (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. HELIOS beat Chinecas 5l in 7-runner handicap at Brighton (1m, firm). FLYING PENNANT 2½l 2nd of 15 to Sister Act in handicap at Bath (1m, good)
Selection: KNOBBLEENEEZE

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

6.45 Wentbridge Lad 7.15 Double Oscar 7.45 Imperial President. 8.15 Total Rach 8.45 Atlantic Mist 9.15 Alessandra.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 6.45 NOEPROB.

Going: Good
Draw: high best
Sky: 7.15-9.15

6.45 ORSINO AMATEURS HANDICAP (3-Y-O+ 7f 16yd) (18)

00 MISTER RIM 12-0 — Miss Z Bunker (5) 18
30 WENTBRIDGE LAD (V) 11-11 — W McLaughlin (3) 11
02 MR NEVERMIND 11-7 — N Goble 7
46 MUSTINT GRUMBLE 11-4 Miss E Jones (3) 2
63 KEVASINGO 11-2 — C Hills (5) 16
63 MY GALLERY 11-1 — Miss B Gallehouse (3) 12
68 CUBE 10-13 — Miss L Rew (5) 12
4- SUPER SERENADE 10-12 — J Thatcher (5) 3
-0 MAZIRAH 10-12 — P Scott 1
31 NOEPROB 10-8 (5ex) — J Cullory 15
00 ROSEATE LODGE 10-5 — Mrs D Hewitt 6
00 LOVE LEGEND 10-4 — Mrs D Arbuthnot 9
12 LORNS GOLD 9-13 — J Rees 17
03 ASTERIX 9-13 — Mrs L Pearce 4
60 FIGHTER SQUADRON 9-12 — Mrs C Peacock (5) 9
00 BREEZED WELL 9-11 — Mrs H Hobson 10
00 ELEGANTISSIMA 9-9 — S Fetherstonhaugh (5) 13
00 VERRO 9-9-7 — Miss A Purdy (3) 5

5-1 Kevarango, 6-1 My Gallery, 7-1 Lomes Gold Super Serenade, 8-1 Noeprob, 10-1 others

7.15 SECOND SEVERN GROSSING CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O 7f 16yd) (14)

43 DOUBLE OSCAR (B) 9-7 — M Roberts 9
54 HEVER GOLF EXPRESS 9-7 — J Reid 11
-0 CURRENT LEADER 9-3 — Pat Eddery 7
— FINGBURY FLYER 9-3 — P P Murphy (5) 4
65 DNE SHOT (B) 8-11 — W Woods 12
00 ANDSOME BOY 8-9 — G Hind 13
06 INDIAN WOLF (B) 8-9 — N Adams 8
44 MEMBERS WELCOME 8-9 — T Quinn 5
00 TOE TAPPIN MUSIC 8-5 — R Perham 2
00 INTO DEBT 8-4 — S Morris 10
00 SPHINX LEVELV (V) 8-3 — D Harrison 1
— LADY RAMBO 8-2 — N Adams 3
00 NATATARL 8-2 — T Sprake 6
00 SHINE 8-2 — Marian Dwyer (5) 14

5-2 Double Oscar, 7-2 Shine, 5-1 Hever Golf Express, 6-1 Members Welcome, 10-1 One Shot Current Leader, Natatarl, 12-1 others

7.45 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O 6f 16yd) (8)

2 BARRIER KING 9-0 — T Quinn 2
0 BOLD SPRING 9-0 — R Perham 4
62 FLOTILLA 9-0 — W Woods 5
— IMPERIAL PRESIDENT 9-0 — Pat Eddery 7
2 INDIAN ROCKET 9-0 — W Carson 1
0 KENYAPRA 9-0 — M Roberts 6
— SURPRISE EVENT 9-0 — T Sprake 8
5 TINKERBELL 8-9 — J Reid 3

9-4 Imperial President, 5-2 Barrier King, 3-1 Indian Rocket, 6-1 Flotilla, 9-1 Kevarra, 10-1 others

8.15 EVENING SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O+ 1m) (20)

-1 SAKHAROV 10-0 — M Roberts 15
-2 RAVEN'S ROOST 9-6 — J Reid 3
00 INDIAN RHAPSODY 9-6 P Bloomfield 17
0/ BEYOND OUR REACH 9-6 P Murphy (5) 11
-0 INDIAN SERENADE 9-5 — P McCabe (3) 4
00 WARNING SHOT 9-5 — R Perham 7
60 KINNESCASH 9-5 — N Adams 14
-0 MUSTAHIL 8-5 — T Sprake 5
-0 DOODES POOL (V) 9-5 D R McCabe 16
00 MISS LAUSITER 8-4 — D Urbino 1
05 KOMODO (B) 8-4 — J Dunno 13
40 PARK RIDGE 9-1 — Mark Lynch 2
03 MOVING UP 9-1 — S Whitworth 12
0- QUEEN OF SHANNON 9-0 D Harrison 10
04 TOTAL RACH (B) 8-13 — W Woods 20
00 AMNESTY BAY (V) 8-13 — M Wigham 19
04 TONY'S MIST 8-13 — T Quinn 18
00 POLLI PUI 8-11 — Martin Dwyer (5) 8
50 MY HANDSOME PRINCE (V) 8-10 — N Carlisle 6
00 EMPERORS WOOD 8-10 Dane O'Neill (3) 9

5-1 Sakharov, 11-2 Raven's Roost, 6-1 Tony's Mist, Moving Up, 8-1 Komodo, 10-1 Miss Laughter

8.45 WELSH BREWERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O+ 1m 2f 36yd) (8)

06 ALARLAK 9-10 — W Carson 8
58 GLORIANA 9-1 — J Reid 4
01 ROUFONTAINE 8-13 — R Havlin (5) 2
-0 GAME PLOY 8-12 — Pat Eddery 5
25 ARABOYBILL (B) 8-7 — S Whitworth 3
32 MASTER M-E-N (V) 8-5 — J Quinn 7
11 ATLANTIC MIST 7-13 — G Bardwell 1
00 MORNING STR 7-12 — N Adams 6

9-4 Atlantic Mist, 7-2 Roufontaine, Master M-E-N, 6-1 Gloriana, 7-1 Alaflak, 10-1 others

9.15 THURSDAY NIGHT FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O 1m 4f 23yd) (8)

24 ALESSANDRA 8-11 — Pat Eddery 5
5 COH SHO NO 8-11 — Martin Dwyer (5) 1
— GRAND SPLENDOUR 8-11 D Harrison 8
00 KARINE 8-11 — A Garman 4
00 KAWANIN 8-11 — W Carson 2
— LADY MAGNUM 8-11 Dane O'Neill (3) 6
62 LOTHLORIEN 8-11 — J Reid 7
— ON THE PISTE 8-11 — T Sprake 9

6-4 Alessandra, 9-4 Lothlorien, 3-1 On The Piste, 8-1 Grand Splendour, 10-1 Coh Sho No, 12-1 others

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.15 Bride's Reprisal. 2.45 Masafah. 3.15 Thatched. 3.45 Go-Go-Power-Ranger. 4.15 Nattier. 4.45 Bowcliffe Grange.

GOING: FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BOWRING INSURANCE BROKERS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,941: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (6) BAILEYS IMP M Johnston 9-0 — J Weaver —
2 (7) 0322 BOLD AFRICAN 7 (B) P Evans 9-0 — J Fortune (5)
3 (4) *EPIC STAND Mrs J Ramsden 9-0* — M Deering —
4 (5) HARMONY IN RED J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll —
5 (1) 50 SKELTON SOVEREIGN 13 R Hollinshead 9-0 D McKeown 72
6 (2) 4 TICKINTINA 15 M Hammond 9-0 — G Duffield 81
7 (3) *BRIDE'S REPRISAL M Channon 8-9* — K Darley —

5-2 Bride's Reprisal, 11-4 Bold African, 4-1 Baileys Imp, 9-2 Harmony In Red, 8-1 Epic Stand, 10-1 Tickintina, 20-1 Skelton Sovereign, 25-1 others.

2.45 BURNETTS CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,647: 5f 207yd) (9)

1 (7) /01- MASAFAH 372 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-4 — K Darley (5)
2 (4) 0-34 FLASHY'S SON 13 (D,BF,F,G) F Murphy 8-8-13 J Fanning 95
3 (8) 2050 THWAAB 14 F Watson 4-8-13 — J Fortune 77
4 (5) 0000 WINTER SCOUT 8 (B,CD,F,G) C Brooks 8-8-13 S Copp (7) 82
5 (3) 2400 DIET 10 (V,D,F,G,S) Mrs L Perratt 10-8-11 — J Carroll 90
6 (1) /00 CACHARRO 14 Miss Z Green 5-8-9 — F Norton —
7 (9) 1585 AMOEBA 10 (D,G) J Berry 3-8-4 — P Fessey (5) 80
8 (2) 2064 BROOKHEAD LADY 51 (CD,F,G,S) P Evans 5-8-4 — N Connorton 93
9 (6) 21-0 JAMBO 38 (B,F) J Eyre 3-8-2 — D Wright (3) 75

9-4 Masafah, 7-2 Amoeba, 5-1 Flashy's Son, 6-1 Brookhead Lady, 7-1 Diet, 10-1 Winter Scout, 12-1 Jambo, 14-1 others.

3.15 BARCLAYS BANK CUMBRIA HANDICAP
(£3,550: 7f 214yd) (6)

1 (2) 0001 SPANISH VERDICT 10 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-10-1 (5ex) C Teague (3) 90
2 (1) 1122 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 5 (B,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-13 (5ex) J Weaver (5)
3 (4) 2012 COMMANDER GLEN 3 (B,C,D,BF,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-8 J Fortune 94
4 (3) 0055 JUNGLE PATROL 7 (C,F) M Brittain 4-9-5 G Parkin (5) 89
5 (6) 2501 SOCIETY GIRL 15 (D,F,G) C Thornton 3-9-0 D McKeown 96
6 (5) -006 THATCHED 24 (V,CD,F) R Ban 6-8-9 P Fessey (5) 89

11-10 Commander Glen, 3-1 Three Arch Bridge, 9-2 Spanish Verdict, 7-1 Society Girl, 14-1 Jungle Patrol, Thatched

3.45 SAINTS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,023: 1m 4f) (10)

1 (3) 0555 *MISTER ASPECTO 23 (D,G) M Johnston 9-7* — J Weaver 97
2 (7) 2120 GO-GO-POWER-RANGER 6 (CD,S) B Ellison 9-6 — N Kennedy 96
3 (6) 5341 MANOY 10 (B,G) J Hetherton 9-3 (5ex) — N Connorton (3)
4 (6) 6623 *SILVERDALE JONSHIT 2 (F) K Hogg 9-2* — D McKeown 96
5 (1) 6-00 MARSAYAS 48 M Camacho 8-8 — J Fortune 89
6 (4) 004 INDIPHAR 25 F Lee 8-6 — G Duffield 86
7 (9) 0606 LAWN ORDER 2 Mrs J Ramsden 8-3 — J Fanning 98
8 (5) 0-00 ETTERBY PARK 31 M Johnston 8-2 — T Williams 92
9 (2) -000 GINGER HODGERS 21 R Whitaker 7-12 — F Norton 92
10 (10) 4400 *BELACQUA 16 (B) D Chapman 7-10* — P Fessey (5) 90

7-2 Manoy, 9-2 Silverdale Knight, 5-1 Mister Aspecto, Go-Go-Power-Ranger, 6-1 Lawn Order, 10-1 Indiphar, Etterby Park, 12-1 others.

4.15 NEWS & STAR RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,661: 5f 207yd) (11)

1 (1) 05-3 ANSWERS-TO-THOMAS 12 J Jefferson 9-0 D McKeown 95
2 (7) 0-00 FAIRY PRINCE 44 Mrs A Long 9-0 — P Fessey (5) 82
3 (11) -005 *HAUTE CUISINE 6 J Berry 9-0* — J Carroll 91
4 (6) 4022 MELS BABY 12 J Eyre 9-0 — R Lappin 97
5 (2) 02-5 TIME TO FLY 12 B Murray 9-0 — T Williams 92
6 (9) 5032 WIRE ACT 7 M Meade 9-0 — F Norton 97
7 (3) -230 FAIRY HIGHLANDS 72 S Williams 8-11 — J Weaver 94
8 (10) 0004 KATIE KOMANTE 12 J Wilson 8-11 — J Fortune 88
9 (5) 2025 MADAM ZANDO 6 I Balding 8-11 — J Edmunds (7) 89
10 (4) 0060 MAGICAL MIDNIGHT 34 (B) N Tinkler 8-11 Kim Tinkler 76
11 (8) 605 NATTIER 12 M Prescott 8-11 — G Duffield 90

11-4 Wire Act, 7-2 Answers-To-Thomas, 5-1 Mels Baby, 6-1 Nattier, 8-1 Fairy Highlands, 10-1 Time To Fly, Katie Komante, 12-1 others

4.45 JENNINGS BITTER APPRENTICES HANDICAP
(£2,703: 5f) (12)

1 (4) 0022 SWAN AT WHALLEY 14 (D,F) M Wane 4-9-10 P Roberts 95
2 (9) 50-0 PALLIUM 22 (CD,F,G) Mrs A Naughton 8-9-7 — D Peters 90
3 (3) 0542 CALL TO THE BAR 14 (D,F,G) M Dods 7-9-4 C Teague 98
4 (6) 2001 ABLE SHERIFF 10 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 4-9-3 (7ex) G Parkin (3)
5 (2) 0006 THICK AS THIEVES 13 (V,D,F,G) Ronald Thompson 4-9-1 A Daly 86
6 (11) 0005 SERIOUS HURRY 14 (B,CD,F,G) R McKellar 8-8-13 K Sked (5) 90
7 (7) 0000 *MOST UPPITTY 5 (D,F,G) J Berry 4-8-11* — Joanne Webster (5) 89
8 (10) 4330 RESPECTABLE JONES 112 (B,C,D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 10-8-10 S Crawford (7) 90
9 (8) 0000 *FIRST OPTION 14 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 6-8-10* — H Bastiman —
10 (1) 0600 LEADING PRINCESS 26 (B,D,F,G) Miss L Perratt 5-8-8 — J Bramhill (5) 85
11 (12) 6261 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE 7 (D,F) D Chapman 4-7-13 (7ex) P Fessey 98
12 (5) 0004 ANOTHER NIGHTMARE 14 (D,S) R McKellar 4-7-12 — D Wright 93

11-4 Able Sheriff, 4-1 Bowcliffe Grange, 5-1 Swan At Whalley, 11-2 Another Nightmare, 6-1 Call To The Bar, 12-1 Leading Princess, 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

CARLISLE: Trainers: M Channon, 11 winners from 17 runners, 64.7%. M Prescott, 12 from 26, 46.2%, Mrs J Ramsden, 13 from 47, 27.7%, Mrs M Reveley, 17 from 68, 25.0%, P Evans, 4 from 20, 20.0%, J Berry 17 from 95, 17.9%. Jockeys: G Duffield, 19 winners from 72 rides, 26.4%, G Parkin, 3 from 12, 25.0%, O Pears, 7 from 34, 20.6%, K Darley, 20 from 110, 18.2%, J Carroll, 14 from 88, 15.9%.

NEWBURY: Trainers: P Chapple-Hyam, 36 wins from 139 runners, 25.9%, J Gosden, 31 from 125, 24.8%, L Cumani, 14 from 59, 23.7%, P Cundell, 3 from 15, 20.0%, B Hanbury, 9 from 48, 18.8%, Lady Herries, 8 from 44, 18.2%. Jockeys: L Dettori, 39 winners from 208 rides, 18.8%, J Reid, 47 from 265, 17.7%, Pat Eddery, 43 from 258, 16.7%, W

TENNIS

Familiar exit door opens for Britons

BY ALIX RAMSAY

JUST when the new wave of British hopefuls were hoping to sweep all before them, Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski found that the tide was out yesterday. Both men lost in the second round of the Stella Artois championships at Queen's Club, Rusedski falling to Todd Woodbridge, the No 13 seed, 6-1, 6-4, and Henman losing to Andrei Olhovskiy, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

It was just one of those days for the Britons. Neither was too depressed by his failures, each feeling that he knew exactly what was wrong. For Henman, it was a dodgy forehand; the best Rusedski could come up with was: "Let's just say my second shot wasn't there."

Not a lot of Rusedski's game was there yesterday. The biggest service in the men's game could register only a sprinkling of aces and, against a man who has won 39 doubles titles and so knows a little about serve-and-volley tennis, the rest of his game was left wanting.

Brian Teacher, Rusedski's new coach, has been working on virtually every aspect of his play, save for the service, but, when Rusedski can pump down aces at 137mph, Teacher probably feels that that shot can stand by itself. He has also encouraged Rusedski to slow down between points when the going gets tough by towelling down.

Yesterday he hardly had time to work up a sweat before the first set was gone. Going the whole way by hiding under a towel at changeovers in the second did not help, either. In 62 minutes, he was out and heading back to the practice courts.

Henman made a better fist of things, but could still not find enough to get past Olhovskiy, from Russia. Henman has beaten him before, but never when it mattered. Their most recent encounter was in Henman's first ATP Tour semi-final, in February, and Henman was beaten in three sets. Yesterday proved no different.

Olhovskiy is ranked below Henman at No 110 in the world, but he, too, has a reputation as a doubles player and it was that experience that gave him the edge. "He knows the things you have to do on grass and he does them well," Henman said. "He makes life difficult for his opponents and he is awkward to play."

Henman had his chances, breaking for a 4-3 lead in the first set only to be broken himself in the next game. However, with the first set going to the British No 1, on a tie break, Olhovskiy raised his game decisively. Henman was broken early in the second set and missed two chances to break back and level the scores for 3-3: from there, he was always struggling.

Olhovskiy soon eased to a 3-0 lead in the third set and Henman was sent packing in a little under two hours. "It's not all doom and gloom," Henman said. "I can pinpoint exactly what was wrong — my forehand return let me down. If I can pinpoint something as precisely as that, then I can go away and work on it."

Michael Stich, the No 5 seed, took some time to shake the red clay of Paris off his shoes, being pushed hard by Michael Joyce, of the United States, before winning 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

MARC ASPLAND



Henman's strong service could not prevent his defeat by Olhovskiy at Queen's Club yesterday

RUGBY LEAGUE

Broncos set their sights on Ojomoh and Geoghegan

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

LONDON Broncos are negotiating with two of Bath's international rugby union players, Steve Ojomoh, the England back-row forward, and Simon Geoghegan, the Ireland wing, about a permanent switch of codes. Last week, Jon Sleightholme, the club's England wing, rejected a short-term move to Sheffield Eagles.

Ojomoh, 25, who is based in London, is due to attend the Broncos' home Stones Super League match against Halifax at The Valley, in Charlton, south London, on Sunday, when further discussions are expected. He is reportedly unsettled about becoming a full-time professional at Bath, and London are confident his strength and mobility would convert to league.

Summer stints by union players are not part of London's agenda, though. "You can't serve two masters," Barry Maranta, the club's chairman said. "Steve is just the sort of player we need, and we believe he would settle in well."

Geoghegan, 27, also lives and works in London. The Broncos' interest in him is the latest shown by several league clubs; so far, he has been consistent in rejecting all offers. "He's a class act, who could take to league like a duck to water," Maranta said.

The application by South Wales for a "fast track" promotion to the Super League, which will be considered by the Rugby League Council on July 3, got a significant boost with the support of the Rugby Football League (RFL) board of directors. Approval is subject to financial backing for the club by a Cardiff consortium.

Meanwhile, the RFL is on a collision course with clubs after an agreement to release



Ojomoh: further talks

Western Samoan, Fijian and Tongan players for the inaugural Oceania Cup next month. St Helens, the league leaders, have complained about having to release their Samoans, Apollo Perelini and Vila Matautia, during the title run-in.

Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, said: "The board of directors have agreed that we must support international competition in a faithful manner and as the Oceania Cup is recognised by the Super League international board, we must therefore make our players available. We were also aware that players such as Va'aiga Tuigamala were keen to lead their country in the inaugural Oceania Cup competition.

"The board also believe that the only way to ensure that countries such as Western Samoa and the newly-formed Fiji become equal to Australia and Great Britain is to allow them to play their full-strength teams on regular occasions."

☐ Graham Steadman, the former Great Britain full back, has ended speculation about his future at Castleford by agreeing a new contract until the 1998 season.

FOR THE RECORD

AUSTRALIAN RULES

MELBOURNE: Australian League (AFL): Essendon 13.11 (89) bt St Kilda 9.13 (67) (completion of weekend match that was suspended by power failure).

BOWLS

TEIGNMOUTH: Open tournament: Men's pairs: Semi-finals: T Evans (Bitton Park) and K Lenton (Shaldon) bt D Hart (Torquay) and A Mann (Newton Abbot) 27-19; R Johnson (Totnes) and D Denison (Torquay) bt T Hawkins (Torquay) and R Binmore (King's, Torquay) 29-9. Final: Johnson and Denison bt Evans and Lenton 17-10.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: Maidstone: Surrey 210 and 186 (J B Thompson 5-55); Kent 416-9 dec (J N Llong 192, S C Willis 60, G M Stephens 59 not out). Kent won by an innings and 40 runs. Pontardulais: Middlesex 135-6 dec (G M Pooley 55) and 141-5 dec. Glamorgan first innings forfeited and 90 (M A Feltham 4 for 25). Middlesex won by 186 runs. Milton Keynes: Northamptonshire 295 (D J Roberts 62, K J Innes 52, D J Sales 50) and 24-0; Leicestershire 114 (J N Snape 4-21) and 204 (V P Clarke 54; J N Snape 5-82, J F Brown 4-58). Northamptonshire won by ten wickets. Second day of three: Horsham: Sussex 296-8 dec and 136 (N Brest 6-53); Somerset 201 (R Morgan 58; N C Phillips 5-72). Portsmouth: Durham 229 and 283-9; Hampshire 288 (C L Campbell 6-78). Fleetwood: Essex 438-3 dec; Lancashire 122-4. Worksop (no play on Tuesday): Warwickshire 373-7 dec; Nottinghamshire 22-2.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of two): Millom: Cumberland 203-9 and 238-1 (S T Knox 113, D J Pearson 90 not out); Norfolk 202-5 and 108-7 (M A Sharp 4-30). Match drawn.

THE PARKS: Oxford University 305-5 dec (I Sutcliffe 139, W Kendall 59, J Batty 57 not out); Midlands CC Conference 225-8 (P Shaw 80). Match drawn.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Prologue (5.3 kilometres): 1, E Berzin (Russ) 7min 00.65sec; 2, B Riis (Dan) at 2sec; 3, R Meier (Switz) at 8; 4, G Faresin (It) at 9; 5, A Peron (It) at 11; 6, M Serpellini (It) all same time.

GOLF

HANDSWORTH: Bridget Jackson Bowl: Final scores: 145: R Hudson (Wheatley) 72, 73. 149: R Bailey (Whittington Heath) 74, 75. 150: L Fox (Kidderminster) 75, 75. 151: J Billingham (Ernville) 77, 74; K Stupples (Royal Cinque Ports) 77, 74. 152: J Norton (Whittington Heath) 76, 76; K Edwards (Ingestre Park) 76, 76. 153: A Murray (Lancaster) 75, 78.

ROWING

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MAY RACES: Men: Third division: Selwyn II bpd Jesus III; Wolfson bpd Trinity Hall III; Girton II bpd Queens' III; Fourth division: CCAT bpd Darwin; Downing III bpd Clare III; Robinson II bpd Pembroke III; Magdalene III bpd King's II; Sidney Sussex III bpd LMBC V; Hughes Hall bpd Emmanuel III; St Edmund's bpd Churchill IV. Fifth division: St Edmund's bpd Jesus V; Selwyn III overbpd Christ's III; 1st and 3rd Trinity IV bpd St Catharine's II; Girton III bpd Pembroke IV; Trinity Hall IV bpd King's III; 1st and 3rd Trinity V bpd Fitzwilliam III. Sixth division: CCAT II bpd Christ's IV; Queens' IV bpd 1st and 3rd Trinity VI; Selwyn IV bpd St Catharine's IV; Corpus Christi III double over bpd St Edmund's II; Queens' V bpd Trinity Hall V; Darwin II bpd Girton IV; CCAT III bpd Girton V. Women: Second division: Christ's bpd Girton; Peterhouse bpd LMBC II; Robinson bpd Fitzwilliam; Addenbrooke's overbpd Clare II; CCAT bpd Newnham II. Third division: Homerton II bpd Queens' II; Jesus III bpd Wolfson; Trinity Hall II pbd St Catharine's II; Magdalene II bpd LMBC III; 1st and 3rd Trinity II bpd Girton II; Darwin bpd Christ's II; Jesus IV bpd Sidney Sussex II. Fourth division: Lucy Cavendish bpd Hughes Hall; CCAT III overbpd Homerton IV; Fitzwilliam II bpd Emmanuel III; Downing II bpd Robinson II; Queens' III bpd Girton III.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

Australia B	51	Wales XV	41

Australia B: Tries: Breil, Gavin, Hardy, Herbert 3, Laidlaw 2, Payne. Cons: Bowen 2, Payne. Wales XV: Tries: A Thomas, Andrew Moore, G Thomas, Gibbs, James, Proctor. Cons: A Thomas 4. Pen: A Thomas.

(In Brisbane)

HEINEKEN EUROPEAN CUP: Play-off, second leg: Benetton Treviso 44 Dinamo Bucharest 30. Treviso qualify in pool A, Dinamo play in pool B of European Conference.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Stella Artois tournament: Second round: J Stark (US) bt D Cahill (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt C Haggard (SA) 6-4, 6-2; T Muster (Austria) bt G Raoux (Fr) 6-7, 7-5, 7-6; M Woodforde (Aus) bt B McPhie (US) 6-2, 7-6; D Wheaton (US) bt S Bryan (US) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; G Pozzi (It) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 4-6, 7-6, 6-1; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-1, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt S Stolle (Aus) 7-6, 6-3; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; S Lareau (Can) bt M Göllner (Ger) 6-4, 6-4; P Rafter (Aus) bt G Forget (Fr) 6-2, 7-6; P Korda (Cz) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3, 6-4; A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt T Henman (GB) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

EDGBASTON PRIORY CLUB: DFS women's classic: First round: M Oremans (Holl) bt S Smith (GB) 7-5, 6-3; M Strandlund (Swe) bt K Cross (GB) 6-2, 6-2; G Fernandez (US) bt I Gorrochategui (Arg) 6-1, 6-2; G Pizzichini (It) bt K Godridge (Aus) 6-3, 6-2; L Neiland (Lat) bt N Kijimuta (Japan) 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; N Arendt (US) bt C Wood (GB) 6-3, 6-1. Second round: M McGrath (US) bt T Krizan (Slovenia) 6-3, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt T Tanasugarn (Thai) 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; B Schultz-McCarthy (Holl) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 6-3, 7-5; L McNeil (US) bt S Noorlander (Holl) 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; K Rodford (Aus) bt L Wild (US) 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; D van Roost (Bel) bt C Dhenin (Fr) 6-3, 7-5; L Raymond (US) bt P Shriver (US) 6-4, 6-4; C Singer (Ger) bt C Cristea (Rom) 7-5, 6-1; K Rinaldi-Stunkel (US) bt T Jecmenica (Yug) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

ROSMALEN, Holland: Men's tournament: First round: H-J Davids (Holl) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; K Carlsen (Den) bt H Leconte (Fr) 7-5, 6-2; J Hlasek (Switz) bt R Stuiter (Holl) 6-2, 7-6; H Arazi (Mor) bt A Costa (Sp) 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; L Paes (India) bt D Nestor (Can) 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; S Simian (Fr) bt J Kroslak (Slovakia) 6-1, 6-4.

OPORTO: Men's tournament: First round: H Gumy (Arg) bt J Cunha Silva (Por) 6-2, 6-0; C Moya (Sp) bt J Alonso (Sp) 7-6, 6-2; F Clavet (Sp) bt Y El Aynaoui (Mor), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1; N Lapenti (Ec) bt F Roig (Sp) 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; O Camporese (It) bt F Dewulf (Bel) 6-0, 6-3.

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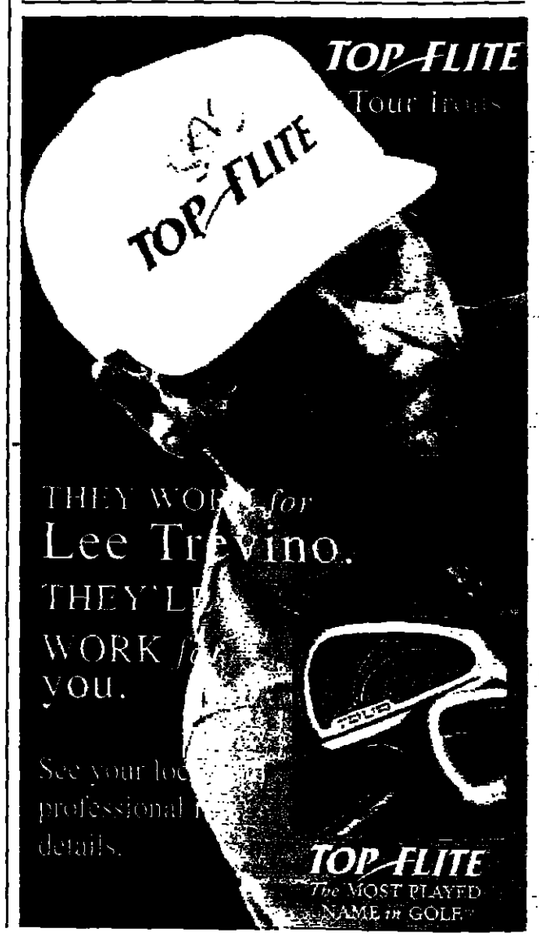
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CRICKET

Warwickshire run out of batsmen

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire beat Warwickshire by 27 runs

EVEN as Warwickshire, those masters of cricketing psychology, were bewitching them into acquiescence once again, Northamptonshire decided that the assertiveness they had honed through 11 successive one-day wins applied as much to these imposing opponents as to any others. The result was dramatic, instantaneous and, for Warwickshire, terminal.

A Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final that had been drifting towards the favourites was won by the underdogs in a remarkable ten-over spell yesterday. Put another way, Northamptonshire won it once they began to believe they could.

Warwickshire, needing only 74 runs from the last 17 overs with six wickets intact, lost five of them for 25. It was beyond even the ingenuity of Dermot Reeve to salvage that situation and he was left alone and abandoned, head bowed in sorrow, as a fourth run-out conceded the game.

Two of the run-outs were spectacular direct hits by Tim Walton, who would have won the Gold Award for his batting even before this confirmation of his secondary justification in the side. The other two were performed by Curtly Ambrose, whose animation knew no bounds. Plainly, one last Lord's final means as much to him as it does to John Emburey, who may now plan his playing retirement for immediately after the match with Lancashire on July 13.

This was a gripping game, its modest scores dictated by tight bowling on a pitch that punished the inattentive batsman. Warwickshire were marginal favourites when they resumed yesterday requiring a further 130, not only because the better weather favoured them but because they routinely expect to win. For a time, it seemed that Northamptonshire sensed as much, for their cricket lacked vitality and Rob Bailey's decision to give Penberthy four overs from the pavilion end lacked logic. He did not need to bowl at all and Warwickshire plainly relished it, taking 30 off his spell as a launchpad for the day.

They had lost Ostler to classical fast bowling from Ambrose — who disconcerted his man with a lifter, then slipped a yorker through his diffident footwork — but Paul Smith and Penney quickly shared a stand of 29 and when Emburey was belatedly summoned, Northamptonshire were desperate for wickets.

They took them by the bucketful once Walton had surprised the fleet-footed Penney with a precise, flat return from deep mid-wicket. Smith, who had reached 44 from 30 balls and then failed to add from the next ten, betrayed his frustration in the next over, tried to steal a single and found Walton there before him again.

Panic unworthy of Warwickshire set in with the ungainly dismissals of Pollock and Welch and, when Ambrose and Emburey combined neatly to run out Piper, the old-timers performed jigs worthy of men half their age. They will illuminate a big day at Lord's one more time and now, perhaps, Northamptonshire will believe they can beat allcomers.

SCOREBOARD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: 220 for 7 (T C Walton 70 not out)

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Penberthy b Curran	33
N M K Smith c Ambrose b Taylor	15
D R Brown b Taylor	0
D P Ostler b Ambrose	33
P A Smith run out	45
T L Penney run out	14
S M Pollock c Loye b Capel	7
* D A Reeve not out	21
G Welch lbw b Emburey	1
T K J Piper run out	7
A F Giles run out	8
Extras (lb 7, w 2)	9
Total (47.5 overs)	193

FALL OF WICKETS 1-34, 2-36, 3-61, 4-118, 5-147, 6-151, 7-157, 8-158, 9-172.

BOWLING: Ambrose 9-0-39-1; Taylor 10-1-25-2; Capel 10-0-29-1; Curran 6-0-32-1; Penberthy 4-0-30-0; Emburey 8.5-1-31-1

Gold Award: T C Walton.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and J H Hampshire.

Cup defeats add spice

THE outcome of the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals has added extra spice to what already promised to be an appetising encounter at Headingley today (Simon Wilde writes). With Yorkshire top of the Britannic Assurance county championship and Warwickshire fourth, there was much to play for; with both thwarted in their cup ambitions, the stakes have been raised.

Warwickshire await news of the fitness of Reeve, who played through back pain at Northampton, and they are certain to be without Munton and Small. Yorkshire are at full strength.

Another significant match is at Canterbury, where Kent take on Middlesex, who are showing signs of finding their best form. Both teams welcome back key seam bowlers after injury: Headley for Kent and Johnson for Middlesex, whose delight will be tempered by the knowledge that they may be without Gatting, who has been laid low by a viral infection.

Weir happily back making waves

David Powell talks to an athlete aiming for another throw of the Olympic dice

JOHN POTTER



Weir, who retired in 1984, in training at Birmingham, where he continues his comeback this weekend

There should be a new society formed in British athletics. Athletes Out Of Retirement. Potential founder members: Tessa Sanderson, Judy Oakes, Jonathan Ridgeon, Bob Weir. Nomination for first president: Weir, on the grounds that he was retired the longest.

The comebacks of Sanderson, Oakes and Ridgeon have been well documented, but Weir's has been lost in the rush. At the trials to determine the Great Britain team for Atlanta, in Birmingham from tomorrow until Sunday, Weir will pick up his discus in an attempt to return to the Olympic Games 12 years after he last appeared in them. The feeling is that he need only turn up to succeed.

Weir can reasonably hope to become the first British man since Mark Pharoah, 40 years ago, to finish in the top eight of an Olympic discus competition, all because of a commitment made to the late Howard Payne, three times the Commonwealth hammer champion and Weir's mentor in the early Eighties, who would never let him settle in his retirement.

Giving in to Payne's attempts to cajole him back, Weir agreed, after nine years in retirement, to return. No sooner had he done so than Payne died. "It was a promise I had made and I felt I should keep it," Weir said. That was in 1992. In 1993, he came out throwing only 48 metres, but finished the summer on 61.30.

In 1994, Weir won Commonwealth bronze, and last year reached the final at the world championships in Gothenburg. Traditionally, discus finals have been dominated by Eastern Europeans, but Weir's 62.50 metres was an automatic qualifying mark for the final.

The top eight throwers from the first three rounds of the final qualified for three more, which excluded Weir, who finished ninth with 63.14. How ironic, for a man who quit after the Los Angeles Olympics partly in protest at the drugs culture, that in his first global championship since his return, his path should have been blocked by a cheat. Weir was denied by Dmitriy Shevchenko's third-round throw of 63.18. Shevchenko was banned for four years after failing a drugs test taken seven days later.

"With three more throws, I felt I could have improved on my 63.14," Weir said. "My goal in the Olympics is to do better than how it turned out in the world championships." His best this season is 62.02, but he feels the 22-year-old British record is within his reach once he is more into the swing of competition.

Not that surpassing Bill Tancred's 64.32 will do. Richard Slaney's 65.16, set in 1985 but not ratified, is where Weir is shooting. "I consider that to be the British record," Weir said. It would take him close to Olympic medal territory. The bronze in Gothenburg was won with 65.88.

Weir is 35, and thinking in terms not of one more Olympics but two or even three, not because Sanderson is 40, or Oakes 38, but because Al Oerter, the greatest discus thrower of them all, improved his best to 69.46 at the age of 43 — this 24 years, and one long retirement, after winning the first of his four Olympic gold medals.

For most of Weir's absence from athletics, he played professional American football in Canada, earning not a fortune but more than enough to live on. There is little money in discus and he continues to live, as he has mostly since 1981, in North America, where he is employed as a throws coach at Stanford University. Stanford is better known for its tennis players, notably John McEnroe and Stan Smith, than its athletes.

Weir must add three metres to his best of 63.56, set last year, if he is to win his challenge this season with Denise Lewis, the Commonwealth heptathlon champion. He said he would throw further in centimetres than she would score in points, a boast which appeard to backfire when Lewis set a British record 6.645 points last month.

However, out of such challenges can great achievements be inspired. A 66.45-metre throw in the Olympic final? Improbable, but not impossible.

IN BRIEF

Tauziat escapes to victory

NATHALIE TAUZIAT, of France, the No 2 seed, staged a remarkable recovery when she beat Tamarine Tanasugarn, of Thailand, 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round of the DFS Classic tennis tournament at Edgbaston yesterday.

Tauziat lost the first set and trailed 6-0 in the tie-break in the second set. Yet she won the next eight points to take the second set and then romped through the third.

Three British players, Clare Wood, Sam Smith and Karen Cross, were beaten in the first round. Wood, who won the Beckenham tournament last Saturday, was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by Nicole Arendt, of the United States. Smith went down 7-5, 6-3 to Miriam Oremans, of Holland, and Cross lost 6-2, 6-2 to Maria Strandlund, of Sweden.

☐ **GOLF:** Kathryn Marshall, the Scot who was Europe's travelling reserve at the last Solheim Cup at The Greenbrier two years ago, has temporarily forsaken the US tour to pursue 180 points on offer to the winner of the Déesse Swiss Open, which starts today at the Golf and Country Club de Maison Blanche, a few miles from Geneva.

☐ **POLO:** Brook Johnson's team, C S Brooks, secured its place in the semi-finals of the Guards Club's high-goal Queen's Cup by defeating Sheikh Alhamrani's Palmera by 8-7 in extra time at Smith's Lawn, Windsor Great Park, yesterday.

☐ **BOWLS:** Bryan Marshall, Jamie Holmes and Nathan Birkett, who are all 22, teamed up with Mark Christmas, 29, to take Essex to a 22-21 victory over Norfolk in the preliminary round of the English Bowling Association's Inter-county Top Four championship.

THE LEADING 100 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET GAME

Pos	Team (Player's name)	Pts
1	Opportunists 4th XI (P Stewart)	6761
2	K P Allstars 3 (KR Patel)	6716
3	Estone Goat 3 (J Eaton)	6704
4	Estons Goats 2 (J Eaton)	6691
5	Scotfshire A (P Schofield)	6686
6	Estons Goats (J Eaton)	6682
7	*Perth Finders A (P Stewart)*	*6670*
8	Webbies Wallies (AB Howse)	6665
9	Opportunists 3rd XI (Stewart)	6649
10	Teddy Four (B Spare)	6632
11	Teddy 3 (B Bear)	6560
12	Bowled Marilyn (H Paul)	6549
13	Dream Team 2 (M Dunn)	6507
14	Enids XI (J Feather)	6493
15	Spread Eaglets 3rd X (P Stewart)	6487
16	Odissy Three (M Long)	6486
17	Primeshire (C Holburt)	6485
18	*Nutkin CC (M Hawkins)*	6478
19	Oressey 4 (M Long)	6468
20	.....	6458
21	She Loves Other Son (D Jackman)	6453
22	Singing In The Rain (H Paul)	6452
23	Freds Team (R Price)	6452
24	Teddy Two (B Bear)	6429
25	Gresham Two Thousand (P O'Brien)	6422
=26	Ataturks (P Stewart)	6415
=26	The May Allstars (D Tattoo)	6415
=26	Breakfast Boys (J Goodman)	6415
29	(D Ajhar)	6411
30	Opportunists 1st XI (P Stewart)	6408
31	*Johns Boys 3 (M Jones)*	*6407*
32	Sunderland CC 2 (J Sunderland)	6401
33	Taff's Tigers (J Short)	6400
34	Oh Neville (H Paul)	6397
35	Teddy One (R Spurr)	6392
36	Winnings Gain (D Read)	6387
37	.....	6383
38	(M Whitley)	6368
39	The Spotted Dog (A Hibberd)	6367
40	Odiffy 2 (M Long)	6363
41	Law Of Australia (H Paul)	6362
42	Nasfarest Casuals (ME Foster)	6356
43	XI Gladiators (D Tungley)	6347
44	Jones Boys Two (M Jones)	6343
45	Mumm (M Boswell)	6341
46	Jubilees Clacks (D Jones)	6334
47	Old Southgate XI (P Gregoriou)	6330
48	G B's First XI (G Brooks)	6325
49	Leg'a XI (A Vaughan)	6321
50	Comans Balls 2 (D Blackburn)	6318
51	Sandwich Stag (I Ellis)	6309
=52	Alls Lot	6301
=52	My Team (P Sheldon)	6301
=52	The Run Rats (Mrs L Tattoo)	6301
55	Clw Dedicated XI (JN Evesing)	6300
=56	On A Sticky Wicket (A Youngman)	6294
=56	The Ultimate (JB Portwood)	6294
58	Bertie's Allsorts 11 (BE Howes)	6293
=59	Wonder Apples (B Maunder)	6292
=59	Dan's Destroyers (D Sampson)	6292
61	M J S Team 1 (R Stent)	6267
62	Old King Coleians (D Jones)	6264
63	*Formula 5 (M Lovendge)*	6279
64	Odiffy 5 (M Long)	6278
65	Opportunists C (P Stewart)	6275
66	Hit The Stumps (JT Luckman)	6274
67	*M C K K Boys (AZA Ghani)*	6272
68	Four Back (JB Portwood)	6271
69	Jones Boys One (ML Jones)	6260
70	Thumpers (Mrs S Conidin)	6253
71	Dream Team 1 (M Dunn)	6251
72	Triple Peelers (JB Portwood)	6249
=73	The Gillespie Rogues (T Doyle)	6248
=73	Calam A (A Luckhurst)	6248
75	(P Rogers)	6245
76	Petes Panthers (P Williams)	6244
77	Outside Edge (G Brooks)	6239
78	The Boundary Boys (C Toby)	6236
79	Hollioakes (M Weird)	6236
80	Leighbee Geebees (J Legg)	6231
81	.....	6230
82	Ladysmith (P McDowall)	6229
83	Rollinge Stempurn (D Finley)	6219
84	Heavens 6th XI (FJ Wall)	6217
85	Ricardos Marvels (R Williams)	6213
86	Stread Biglets 2nd X (P Stewart)	6212
=87	Wednesdayshire (A Hibberd)	6211
=87	Tractorwolf XI (CJ Hodge)	6211
89	Pub (S Turner)	6209
=90	Torridge Topa (C Hulbert)	6207
=90	Pavilion Premos (S Timmins)	6207
92	Virtual Reality (TJ Hillman)	6205
=93	The Goodlies (A Shorewood)	6204
=93	West End Wallas (AR Howse)	6204
=95	The Brownlies (M Kenny)	6203
=95	Kirstie's Cronies (R Turner)	6203
97	Ashleys Army (C Hawkins)	6202
98	Asparagus Twelve (Barcos)	6198
=99	Maree Walker's XI (A Wright)	6196
=99	Kims Kavilers (K Dowsell)	6196

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tetley's challenge series
11.0, first day of three
DERBY: Derbyshire v India

Britannic Assurance Championship
11.0, first day of four, 104 overs minimum
CHESTER-LE-STREET: *Durham v* Lancashire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Northamptonshire
SWANSEA: Glamorgan v Somerset
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Sussex
CANTERBURY: Kent v Middlesex
THE OVAL: Surrey v Leicestershire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Nottinghamshire
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Warwickshire
BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day). Duffield: Derbyshire v Durham; Southampton: Hampshire v Gloucestershire, Maidstone: Kent v Surrey; Nottingham: Nottinghamshire v Lancashire.

FOOTBALL

US Cup 1996
Ireland v Mexico
(at Giants Stadium, New Jersey, 12.30am)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Northumberland Challenge (at Slaley Hall).
HOCKEY: Four-nations tournaments: Men: Great Britain v Germany (2.0), Holland v Pakistan (6.0) Women: Great Britain v Spain (noon), Holland v Germany (4.0) (at Milton Keynes).
SPEEDWAY: Four-team championship: Qualifying round, first leg: Middlesbrough v Scottish Monarchs v Bradford v Hull (7.30). Second leg: Ipswich v Reading v Eastbourne v London (7.30). Challenge: Sheffield World Stars v Carlsberg Danes (7.45)
TENNIS: Stella Artois Tournament (at Queen's Club): DFS Classic (at Edgbaston Priory Club, Birmingham).

INTERACTIVE TEAM CRICKET SCOREBOARD

The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week; the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by June 10. Overseas players are shown in **bold type**. Rising Stars in *italic*.

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The transfer line will open at 6am each Tuesday and will close at 6pm the following Monday. All transfers made during this period will be applied to team selectors' teams before the commencement of the next first-class match *(transfer times may may be altered slightly to accommodate the schedule of first-class matches and prior notification will be published in* The Times). Transfers may only be made by telephone by calling

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Player (No)	Runs	Wkts	Total
Batsmen (001-135)			
C J Adams (001)	632 (244)	0 (0)	632 (244)
G F Archer (002)	281 (13)	0 (0)	281 (13)
M A Atherton (003)	434 (86)	0 (0)	434 (86)
C W J Athey (004)	430 (102)	0 (0)	430 (102)
M Azharuddin (005)	*287 (13)*	*0 (0)*	*287 (13)*
R J Bailey (006)	320 (163)	1 (0)	340 (163)
K J Barnett (007)	501 (56)	7 (0)	641 (56)
M R Benson (008)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M G Bevan (009)	*826 (196)*	*0 (0)*	*826 (196)*
D J Bicknell (010)	217 (72)	2 (0)	257 [112]
D A Blenkiron (011)	257 (25)	0 (0)	257 (25)
P D Bowler (012)	430 (46)	0 (0)	430 (46)
N E Briers (013)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
A D Brown (014)	156 (41)	0 (0)	156 (41)
D Byas (015)	353 (13)	0 (0)	353 (13)
S L Campbell (016)	301 (132)	0 (0)	301 (132)
J D Carr (017)	322 (49)	0 (0)	322 (49)
M J Church (018)	152 (152)	4 (4)	232 (232)
P A Cottey (019)	397 (29)	0 (0)	397 (29)
G R Cowdrey (020)	355 (99)	0 (0)	355 (99)
J P Crawley (021)	272 (1)	0 (0)	272 (1)
C D Crowe (022)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R J Cunliffe (023)	89 (0)	0 (0)	89 (0)
T S Curtis (024)	181 (0)	0 (0)	181 (0)
J A Daley (025)	116 (0)	0 (0)	116 (0)
A J Dalton (026)	32 (0)	0 (0)	32 (0)
R I Dawson (027)	38 (0)	1 (0)	56 (0)
M P Dowman (028)	28 (0)	0 (0)	28 (0)
N H Fairbrother (029)	230 (0)	0 (0)	230 (0)
A Flintoff (030)	2 (0)	0 (0)	2 (0)
A Fordham (031)	141 (0)	0 (0)	141 (0)
D P Fulton (032)	306 (122)	0 (0)	306 (122)
J E R Gallian (033)	231 (0)	4 (0)	311 (0)
M W Gatting (034)	499 (19)	0 (0)	499 (19)
N A Gie (035)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G A Gooch (036)	460 (122)	1 (0)	480 (122)
K Greenfield (037)	330 (124)	0 (0)	330 (124)
A Habib (038)	444 (29)	0 (0)	444 (29)
J W Hall (039)	131 (0)	0 (0)	131 (0)
T H C Hancock (040)	323 (0)	0 (0)	323 (0)
R J Harden (041)	64 (0)	0 (0)	64 (0)
M E Harvey (042)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A N Hayhurst (043)	112 (16)	0 (0)	112 (16)
G R Haynes (044)	0 (0)	1 (0)	0 (0)
D L Hemp (045)	123 (0)	0 (0)	123 (0)
G A Hick (046)	449 (8)	2 (0)	489 (8)
A J Hollioake (047)	580 (41)	4 (0)	660 (61)
N Hussain (048)	498 (147)	0 (0)	498 (147)
S Hutton (049)	195 (0)	0 (0)	195 (0)
Ijaz Ahmed (050)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Inzamam-ul-Haq (051)	466 (49)	0 (0)	466 (49)
S P James (052)	415 (127)	0 (0)	415 (127)
P Johnson (053)	537 (38)	7 (0)	677 (138)
D M Jones (054)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
V Kambli (055)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Keech (056)	137 (60)	0 (0)	137 (60)
W S Kendall (057)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
G J Kennis (058)	242 (16)	0 (0)	242 (16)
W G Khan (059)	460 (41)	0 (0)	460 (41)
N V Knight (060)	351 (28)	0 (0)	351 (28)
J S Laney (061)	247 (19)	0 (0)	247 (19)
M N Lathwell (062)	748 (147)	2 (0)	788 (147)
S G Law (063)	234 (0)	1 (0)	254 (0)
D A Leatherdale (064)	274 (10)	0 (0)	274 (10)
N J Lenham (065)	123 (123)	0 (0)	123 (123)
J J B Lewis (066)	10 (0)	0 (0)	10 (0)
N J Liong (067)	394 (241)	0 (0)	394 (241)
G D Lloyd (068)	6 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
J I Longley (069)	404 (98)	0 (0)	404 (98)
M B Love (070)	51 (0)	0 (0)	51 (0)
M A Lynch (071)	66 (0)	0 (0)	66 (0)
G I Macmillan (072)	305 (19)	0 (0)	305 (19)
D L Maddy (073)	375 (41)	0 (0)	375 (41)
S V Manjrekar (074)	390 (13)	4 (0)	430 (54)
M P Maynard (075)	430 (154)	0 (0)	430 (154)
A McGrath (076)	145 (0)	0 (0)	145 (0)
A A Metcalfe (077)	327 (92)	0 (0)	327 (92)
A J Moles (078)	381 (131)	0 (0)	381 (131)
R R Montgomerie (079)	403 (66)	6 (0)	535 (66)
T M Moody (080)	535 (10)	0 (0)	535 (10)
H Morris (081)	188 (12)	0 (0)	188 (12)
J E Morris (082)	83 (0)	0 (0)	83 (0)
R S M Morris (083)	356 (0)	0 (0)	356 (0)
M D Moxon (084)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K Newell (085)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
T J G O'Gorman (086)	341 (68)	0 (0)	341 (68)
D P Ostler (087)	408 (53)	0 (0)	408 (53)
J E Owen (088)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K A Parsons (089)	414 (129)	0 (0)	414 (129)
T L Penney (090)	328 (98)	1 (0)	328 (98)
P R Pollard (091)	352 (1)	0 (0)	352 (1)
J C Pooley (092)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P J Prichard (093)	306 (33)	0 (0)	306 (33)
M R Ramprakash (094)	*406 (97)*	*2 (0)*	*446 (97)*
J D Ratcliffe (095)	76 (46)	3 (0)	136 (86)
D D J Robinson (096)	*334 (50)*	*0 (0)*	*334 (50)*
P E Robinson (097)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R T Robinson (098)	511 (53)	0 (0)	511 (53)
A S Rollins (099)	481 (138)	0 (0)	481 (138)
M A Roseberry (100)	389 (45)	0 (0)	389 (45)
Saeed Anwar (101)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D A Shah (102)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
N Shahid (103)	7 (0)	0 (0)	7 (0)
Salim Malik (104)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Sales (105)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
N S Sidhu (106)	171 (0)	0 (0)	171 (0)
P V Simmons (107)	381 (104)	7 (3)	521 (164)
A Singh (108)	*206 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*206 (0)*
B F Smith (109)	513 (234)	0 (0)	513 (234)
R A Smith (110)	293 (158)	0 (0)	293 (158)
N J Speak (111)	244 (29)	0 (0)	244 (29)
M P Speight (112)	159 (0)	0 (0)	159 (0)
A J Stewart (113)	182 (0)	0 (0)	182 (0)
I J Sutcliffe (114)	253 (102)	0 (0)	253 (102)
A Symonds (115)	356 (0)	0 (0)	356 (0)
N R Taylor (116)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Tendulkar (117)	425 (146)	1 (0)	445 (146)
V P Terry (118)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
G P Thorpe (119)	624 (98)	2 (0)	664 (98)
S P Titchard (120)	167 (163)	0 (0)	167 (163)
M E Trescothick (121)	137 (54)	0 (0)	137 (54)
T A Tweats (122)	*122 (26)*	*0 (0)*	*122 (26)*
M P Vaughan (123)	551 (226)	7 (0)	691 (346)
M J Walker (124)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
T C Walton (125)	55 (0)	0 (0)	55 (0)
D M Ward (126)	81 (17)	0 (0)	81 (17)
T R Ward (127)	435 (113)	0 (0)	435 (113)
A P Wells (128)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
R M S Weston (129)	449 (124)	0 (0)	449 (124)
W P C Weston (130)	201 (15)	0 (0)	201 (15)
G W White (131)	403 (21)	0 (0)	403 (21)
J J Whitaker (132)	305 (27)	4 (0)	385 (27)
P R Whitaker (133)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M G N Windows (134)	218 (0)	0 (0)	218 (0)
A J Wright (135)			
All-rounders (150-203)			
Aamir Sohail (150)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M W Alleyne (151)	236 (0)	12 (0)	476 (0)
I D Austin (152)	108 (89)	9 (3)	289 (185)
P Bainbridge (153)	68 (0)	0 (0)	68 (0)
D R Brown (154)	308 (45)	10 (3)	408 (105)
M A Butcher (155)	540 (141)	4 (1)	620 (201)
C L Cairns (156)	329 (84)	11 (1)	549 (104)
D J Capel (157)	275 (3)	4 (0)	355 (3)
D G Cork (158)	227 (4)	20 (3)	627 (124)
R D B Croft (159)	251 (47)	28 (3)	771 (187)
K M Curran (160)	159 (0)	4 (0)	239 (0)
A Dale (161)	266 (0)	3 (0)	326 (0)
P A J DeFreitas (162)	59 (40)	3 (0)	119 (80)
V C Drakes (163)	165 (56)	10 (4)	365 (136)
M A Feltham (164)	192 (20)	11 (0)	412 (20)
S C Ecclestone (165)	6 (0)	0 (0)	6 (0)
K P Evans (166)	86 (46)	6 (0)	246 (66)
M A Feltham (167)	13 (0)	0 (0)	13 (0)
M V Fleming (168)	286 (119)	6 (0)	406 (159)
A P Grayson (169)	287 (156)	6 (0)	407 (176)
O D Gibson (170)	85 (0)	0 (0)	85 (0)
F A Griffith (171)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
C L Hooper (172)	376 (48)	13 (4)	636 (128)
R C Irani (173)	412 (34)	15 (1)	712 (54)
A D Jadeja (174)	233 (6)	0 (0)	233 (6)
K D James (175)	242 (53)	10 (3)	442 (113)
S P Jullan (176)	333 (20)	16 (0)	553 (60)
J H Kallis (177)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S R Lampitt (178)	247 (86)	13 (0)	507 (106)
S Lee (179)	508 (126)	15 (3)	808 (186)
C C Lewis (180)	118 (0)	17 (0)	458 (140)
G W Mike (181)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
A C Morris (182)	156 (26)	3 (0)	216 (26)
Mushtaq Ahmed (183)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
D J Nash (184)	15 (0)	1 (0)	35 (0)
A L Penberthy (185)	202 (54)	8 (0)	382 (54)
S M Pollock (186)	255 (43)	18 (5)	615 (143)
D A Reeve (187)	322 (0)	9 (0)	502 (0)
G D Rose (188)	64 (13)	23 (4)	524 (69)
V S Solanki (189)	51 (51)	1 (1)	71 (71)
A W Smith (190)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
N M K Smith (191)	149 (65)	14 (2)	429 (105)
P A Smith (192)	2 (0)	1 (0)	22 (0)
J N Snape (193)	*64 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*64 (0)*
J P Stephenson (194)	303 (90)	1 (0)	323 (90)
C M Tolley (195)	69 (4)	6 (4)	189 (84)
Wasim Akram (196)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M Watkinson (197)	151 (34)	12 (0)	391 (34)
G Welch (198)	107 (40)	20 (3)	507 (100)
C M Wells (199)	364 (0)	4 (0)	474 (0)
V J Wells (200)	327 (101)	6 (0)	447 (101)
P N Weekes (201)	275 (65)	18 (0)	595 (215)
C White (202)	184 (0)	18 (0)	664 (0)
J R Wileman (203)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Wicketkeepers (225-256)			
A N Aymes (225)	421 (55)	15 (0)	741 (55)
R J Blakey (226)	248 (48)	21 (0)	668 (148)
K R Brown (227)	273 (25)	20 (8)	673 (185)
M Burns (228)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S P Griffiths (229)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
W K Hegg (230)	279 (37)	16 (1)	599 (57)
P C L Holloway (231)	179 (42)	2 (1)	219 (62)
G J Kersey (232)	96 (11)	12 (4)	336 (91)
J A Knott (233)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
K M Krikken (234)	262 (7)	20 (2)	662 (47)
D G C Ligerwood (235)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
S A Marsh (236)	249 (53)	15 (4)	549 (133)
C P Metson (237)	16 (0)	8 (0)	176 (0)
P Moores (238)	127 (1)	11 (5)	347 (104)
N R Mongia (239)	86 (29)	4 (3)	166 (69)
P A Nixon (240)	277 (15)	21 (4)	697 (95)
W M Noon (241)	88 (0)	11 (3)	268 (0)
K J Piper (242)	126 (26)	15 (3)	426 (66)
Rashid Latif (243)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
S J Rhodes (244)	223 (0)	12 (3)	463 (0)
D Ripley (245)	117 (0)	3 (0)	177 (0)
R J Rollins (246)	229 (31)	24 (3)	709 (91)
R C Russell (247)	206 (0)	12 (3)	446 (60)
N F Sargeant (248)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
C W Scott (249)	208 (52)	20 (1)	608 (72)
A D Shaw (250)	*89 (47)*	*6 (3)*	*189 (107)*
R J Turner (251)	117 (36)	20 (6)	517 (158)
L N Walker (252)	53 (53)	3 (3)	113 (113)
R J Warren (253)	363 (32)	5 (0)	463 (32)
P Whitticase (254)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
R C J Williams (255)	9 (0)	1 (0)	29 (0)
S C Wilis (256)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Bowlers (275-404)			
P R Adams (275)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J A Afford (276)	8 (7)	19 (0)	388 (41)
U Afzaal (277)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
P Aldred (278)	50 (0)	6 (0)	170 (0)
C E L Ambrose (279)	55 (25)	13 (3)	315 (145)
S J W Andrew (280)	8 (0)	3 (1)	68 (26)
Aqib Javed (281)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
M C J Ball (282)	59 (0)	9 (0)	239 (0)
S R Barwick (283)	12 (1)	1 (0)	32 (7)
S J Base (284)	1 (1)	1 (0)	21 (0)
R T Bates (285)	43 (6)	6 (0)	163 (0)
J D Batty (286)	113 (29)	7 (2)	253 (69)
M A V Bell (287)	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*	*0 (0)*
J E Benjamin (288)	25 (3)	5 (0)	125 (65)
W K M Benjamin (289)	140 (6)	6 (0)	260 (6)
M M Betts (290)	114 (57)	24 (0)	594 (57)
M P Bicknell (291)	66 (17)	17 (0)	406 (0)
S D Birbeck (292)	8 (4)	4 (0)	88 (68)
D J P Boden (293)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
J Boiling (294)	67 (5)	7 (0)	207 (5)
J N B Bovill (295)	38 (26)	4 (1)	118 (46)
M T Brimson (296)	0 (0)	11 (5)	220 (100)
J E Brinkley (297)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
S J E Brown (

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DAILY TEAM-BY-TEAM GUIDE

GROUP A

ENGLAND

Bryan Robson took over where Terry Venables left off after England's training session at Bisham Abbey yesterday morning. Robson, the assistant coach, criticised media coverage of the players' activities during their controversial two-day break over the weekend. "It is getting so bad that some of the younger players are afraid to play for England these days because of the coverage they know they will get," Robson said. "Paul Ince went to a private barbecue on Sunday and on Monday he found his picture splashed all over the front of a national newspaper. You have got to ask what they are trying to do." Venables meanwhile has turned down an offer of psychological help from Uri Geller.

Alan Shearer is on a roll: on top of breaking his goal drought against Switzerland, he won the squad golf tournament at a nearby club on Tuesday. Whether he bought drinks for his team-mates is probably a moot point.

CAUTIONS: Adams, G Neville OH

GROUP B

SPAIN

Javier Clemente, the coach, is fond of devising new ways to revive his squad. In the training camp, it was all aqua-based, water torture disguised as hydrotheraphy. Now the theme has been continued in England, although it is the British weather that has provided the torture element.

Provoked by claims that his side looked tired during their opening match, Clemente ordered the whole squad to relax by playing golf. The only problem was a howling wind and pouring rain that rampaged across Yorkshire at the time. A problem, that is, for all but Clemente, who was in his element. "It will toughen their spirits," he said.

Clemente has dismissed the criticism of his side. "We are not tired, we are strong enough to win the tournament," he said. "We were heavy in the first game only because of the intense pressure it puts on you."

CAUTIONS: Camiñero, Sergi, Amor, Aberlardo
DISMISSAL: Pizzi DM

GROUP C

GERMANY

Yesterday was a time of good works and good PR in the German camp. About 2,000 people turned up to the open training session at Macclesfield, autograph sheets were passed round and everybody was happy, including Mario Basler, who started running yesterday, five days after his ankle operation. "At least there was no broken glass on the pitch," Thomas Helmer said.

Then it was back to the team hotel for Dr Franz Böhmert to present Alex Ferguson with £10,000 for the local charity, Destination Florida, followed by work for the German anti-drugs campaign, with the leading German a cappella/pop group, Die Prinzen, performing their hit, *You Must be a Pig*. Helmer was more worried by tabloid stories in Munich that had him walking in the wood with his wife yesterday. "She does not arrive until tomorrow," Helmer said, "so you must know I was not in the forest either."

CAUTIONS: Reuter, Hässler, Möller, Kuntz, Babbel, Ziege PB

GROUP D

DENMARK

There is scandal English-style and there is scandal Danish-style. While we ponder alcohol abuse, the Danish press were gasping in horror at the empty seats in the television lounge as the Turkey v Croatia game was being screened live. The players had all jumped on a bus and gone on a tour of the East Coast countryside, especially arranged by Richard Möller Nielsen, their coach.

Nielsen decided that it would be best for morale if he and the team watched the game together later. He is no fool. The only player whom he took with him to Nottingham was Jes Hogh. Hogh used to play in Istanbul and was therefore the only Denmark player likely to offer useful analysis.

Brian Laudrup, meanwhile, has denied rumours that he will sign for Barcelona. He has another 18 months of his contract to run at Rangers and said yesterday that he is happy to stay in Scotland.

CAUTIONS: Risager, Helveg AR

GROUP A

SWITZERLAND

Patrick Sylvestre, Switzerland's right-sided midfield player or defender, did not feature in the 1-1 draw with England and is unlikely to see much action against Holland tonight. If so, he would be entirely within his rights to ask for early leave of absence on compassionate grounds.

Sylvestre, 28, was not included in Artur Jorge's original selection, but received a late call-up after Christophe Ohrel cried off with a broken toe.

Trouble was, Sylvestre's wife, Valérie, was expecting their second child at any minute and he was torn between professional and paternal duty.

As is nature's wont, baby Chloé arrived a few hours later and the decision was made for him. Mother and daughter were fine and he dashed off to join up with the squad. "Had she not been born so soon, I am not sure what I would have done," he said. "Family is family, it must come first."

CAUTIONS: Vogel, Quentin, Grassi, Vage RK

GROUP B

BULGARIA

Trifon Ivanov could become one of the more memorable figures in these championships with his ballistic shooting. Watch in wonder if he gets any free kicks inside Romania's half today. If he fails to detonate Euro 96, however, he still has plenty to fall back on in his anonimity. Rapid Vienna, his Austrian club, have purchased for him, as the ultimate perk, a chain of petrol stations back home in Bulgaria. No wonder the Bulgars are turning in four star performances.

It is a trend continued by Stoichkov and Letchkov who, between them, own property and even a bank back in Sofia. The Bulgarians are hoping to go into credit against Romania today, but have problems. Tzvetanov will replace the suspended Houbtchev, but Kiarakov has a thigh strain and is out, while Penev and Kostadinov are doubts with muscle strains.

CAUTIONS: Stoichkov, Kischischev, Tzvetanov
DISMISSAL: Houbchev DM

GROUP C

CZECH REPUBLIC

Hope springs eternal. Having witnessed Italy v Russia and a near-perfect display from the Italians, the Czechs' opponents tomorrow, the players were left clutching at straws, or at least the Italian offside trap.

"Maybe our chance is the Italian offside system," Patrik Berger said yesterday. "Three times, they only just got away with it."

"It is one area where the Italians can be suppressed," Vaclav Nemecek added, while acknowledging the Italians' "thorough discipline, team movement and tactics".

The Czech press is hoping that the team's tendency to play badly one game and brilliantly the next is what saves them from an early exit from Euro 96. "They talk too much," was Nemecek's response. However, optimism has to be founded on something. As Berger pointed out, a far better result for him would have been for the Russians to have equalised.

CAUTIONS: Kadlec, Drulak, Bejbl, Nechved AR

GROUP D

PORTUGAL

Portugal have won a lot of friends so far, Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, yesterday selecting them as one of the teams who most impressed him. Inside the camp, however, they are worried about fitness and firepower. The demands of a long season at top clubs have taken their toll, with Paulo Sousa lasting only an hour against Denmark and Rui Costa also struggling. The lack of goals is an equal problem.

Yesterday they tried to put both problems right with two training sessions. The morning session, which was open to the public, included shooting practice.

They should get more tomorrow, with Turkey their next game. "We are more developed technically, we have good attacking players, so it is natural if we take the game to them," Joaquim Teixeira, the assistant coach, said yesterday.

CAUTIONS: Oceano, Sa Pinto, João Pinto, Paulinho Santos, Paulo Sousa PB

GROUP A

HOLLAND

Dutch football is famed for its finely integrated style, but that does not always mean harmony reigns within the squad. Yesterday, Guus Hiddink, the coach, criticised the performance of his central midfield players against Scotland, saying that they had used "their heart and not their head". The rebuke, however, was not accepted meekly. "If everyone had played as I did," Clarence Seedorf said tartly, "we would have won."

Not a lot of people, especially in Holland, will know that the fate of their side could lie in the hands of the best man of Hristo Stoichkov, the temperamental yet talented Bulgaria forward. Antanas Ouzounov, the referee for the game against Switzerland tonight, lives in Plovdiv, where Stoichkov was born, and claims to have discovered and nurtured the Great One. If the Dutch show any dissent or try to take liberties this evening, it is likely that he has seen it all before.

CAUTIONS: Witschge, Taument KM/RK

GROUP B

ROMANIA

He is among the best players in the world, is going for a song . . . and wants to come to England. The only problem is that Gheorghe Hagi, the Romanian talisman, is, well, typically English when it comes to domestic football.

He moved to Barcelona after a triumphant World Cup in 1994, only to allow his weight to balloon by two stone and his performance to suffer by an inverse ratio. Barcelona will allow him to move for virtually nothing this summer.

São Paolo, of Brazil, is the favoured destination, but, with perhaps an eye on the television riches soon to be slopping around the FA Carling Premiership, he has begun a courting process within these shores. "I like English football and I think it would like me very much", he said.

He is back to near his best and needs to be because Romania have problems, especially in goal, where they may opt for the inexperienced Tene.

CAUTIONS: Mihali, Selymes, Ilie DM

GROUP C

ITALY

Pierluigi Casiraghi may have scored twice for Italy at Anfield, but he kept his feet firmly on the ground yesterday, despite the Italian media portraying him as the biggest Italian hero since Garibaldi. The reason: Sacchi, the Italy coach, was hinting that Casiraghi is tired and changes will be made for the game against the Czech Republic.

"I feel I've repaid my manager's faith in me and I have woken up an Italian hero, but I'm not totally certain of being chosen," Casiraghi said. Nonetheless, he is regarded as one of Sacchi's favourites.

Asked about Zola's impressive performance on Tuesday, Sacchi would pick out only Casiraghi. "It is a question of being convinced of your ideas and one of the players that emerged from a certain grey area was Casiraghi," the coach said.

Sacchi is now expected to play Ravanelli tomorrow instead.

CAUTIONS: Albertini, Donadoni AR

GROUP D

TURKEY

Turkey's vociferous supporters brought a touch of carnival to the streets around the City Ground, Nottingham, on Tuesday. The flag-waving, klaxon-honking and incessant chanting started hours before kick-off time, for the match against Croatia, and the cacophony of noise continued deep into the game. Though the ground was far from full, it provided for an exuberant atmosphere.

A banner, offering peace and goodwill, was also unfurled. It read: "Best wishes and regards to Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II and symbol of Great Britain and the gentlemen people of England on behalf of all sport fans in Turkey."

Goran Vlaovic's late winner finally subdued the hordes, but Fatih Terim, the Turkey coach, remained defiant. "We played well, but our inexperience in such a big event showed itself in the last few minutes," he said. "We at least proved that Turkey deserve to belong in this tournament."

CAUTION: Tolunay RK

GROUP A

SCOTLAND

As well as shrinking the world, telecommunications also make mockery more immediate. Team-mates at Chelsea have instructed John Spencer to switch on his mobile phone on as soon as the game on Saturday is over so they can rib him about defeat by England.

All of this makes Spencer's desire for victory at Wembley all the more keen and he is particularly weary of English references to the penalty denied Holland on Monday. "I don't care how we win," he said. "I'll even take a fluky deflection in the last minute — off the hand of John Collins."

Scotland are such infrequent scorers that something unusual will be required. Craig Brown, the manager, was asked where the mischief that creates goals could be found.

"Spencer has got devilment," he replied. "I've got a bit of a goal scoring problem too," the Chelsea forward, who is yet to find the net after ten caps, said.

CAUTIONS: Boyd, Gallacher KM

GROUP B

FRANCE

It is tempting to get gloomy about England's prospects at Euro 96 when you examine the France squad closely. Eight of their players are moving to Italy or are already based there, two more are in Spain, yet the quality of the domestic game still seems stronger than the FA Carling Premiership, as the European competitions last season will bear out. Interestingly, though the likes of Dugarry, Zidane, Djorkaeff, Angloma and Thuram were approached by English clubs, none chose to follow the lead of Cantona and Ginola by coming to these shores. The answer, apparently, is that, while English football is exciting, Italian is still by far the best.

"I was approached by Blackburn, but you have to understand that Milan, where I will be going, is the top team and Italy the top venue," Christophe Dugarry said. Before we despair too much, a couple of their reserve players are still up for grabs, and who knows, they might just be beer drinkers.

CAUTIONS: Di Meco DM

GROUP C

RUSSIA

No surprises from the Russia camp yesterday — they cancelled a press conference. Oleg Romantsev, the coach, said, after the defeat by Italy on Tuesday, that he needed longer to think about the game before saying why they had lost and yesterday was clearly too soon. The man from Reuters, who speaks fluent Russian, got in anyway, which was a surprise, and reported that they were unhappy with Italy's first goal, claiming that Casiraghi was offside.

The defeat leaves them knowing that they will now almost certainly have to beat Germany at Old Trafford on Sunday if they are to progress. "I'm not treating this as a drama, nothing's lost yet," Kanchelskis said, "but the crucial game now is against Germany."

They will have to face it without Bushmanov, who went off injured against Italy and will take no further part in the tournament.

CAUTIONS: Onopko, Kolyvanov, Kovtun PB

GROUP D

CROATIA

Though they might have been dancing in the streets of Zagreb on Tuesday night, after Croatia's 1-0 victory against Turkey, it was not all good news in the camp of Europe's latest fledgling force. Zvonimir Boban, the captain, retired hurt after 57 minutes, with knee ligament damage, while Alen Boksic received three stitches in a head wound and also sustained a bruised instep.

Miroslav Blazevic, 61, the Croatia coach, is a wily old bird and dismissed the injuries as mere gnat bites. "They will be ready," he said, in reference to their next Group D fixture, against Denmark at Hillsborough on Sunday. On closer inspection, though, and with the whispered assistance of the Croatian medical staff, it appears that they might not be. Boksic is on the easy list for up to 48 hours and Boban could be sidelined for as many as four days. Blazevic, clearly, is a master of disguise.

CAUTIONS: Asanovic, Boban, Soldo RK

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MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE

GROUP A

England 1 Switzerland 1
Shearer (23) Turkyilmaz (83 pen)
(Wembley, attendance 76,567)

Holland 0 Scotland 0
(Villa Park, attendance 34,363)

Today
Switzerland v Holland
(Villa Park, 7.30) BBC1

Sat June 15
England v Scotland
(Wembley, 3.0) BBC1

Tues June 18
Scotland v Switzerland
(Villa Park, 7.30)

England v Holland
(Wembley, 7.30)

GROUP B

Spain 1 Bulgaria 1
Alfonso (73) Stoichkov (65 pen)
(Elland Road, attendance 26,006)

Romania 0 France 1
Dugarry (24)
(St James' Park, attendance 26,323)

Today
Bulgaria v Romania
(St James' Park, 4.30) ITV

Sat June 15
France v Spain (Elland Road, 6.0) ITV

Tues June 18
France v Bulgaria
(St James' Park, 4.30)

Romania v Spain
(Elland Road, 4.30)

GROUP C

Germany 2 Czech Republic 0
Ziege (25) Möller (31)
(Old Trafford, attendance 37,300)

Italy 2 Russia 1
Casiraghi (5, 52) Tsymbalar (20)
(Anfield, attendance 35,120)

Tomorrow
Czech Republic v Italy (Anfield, 7.30) ITV

Sun June 16
Russia v Germany
(Old Trafford, 3.0) ITV

Wed June 19
Italy v Germany
(Old Trafford, 7.30)

Russia v Czech Republic
(Anfield, 7.30)

GROUP D

Denmark 1 Portugal 1
B Laudrup (21) Sa Pinto (52)
(Hillsborough, attendance 34,993)

Turkey 0 Croatia 1
Vlaovic (85)
(City Ground, attendance 22,460)

Tomorrow
Portugal v Turkey
(City Ground, 4.30) BBC1

Sun June 16
Croatia v Denmark
(Hillsborough, 6.0) BBC1

Wed June 19
Croatia v Portugal
(City Ground, 4.30)

Turkey v Denmark (Hillsborough, 4.30)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Holland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Scotland	1	0	1	0	0	0	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Bulgaria	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Spain	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Romania	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Russia	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Portugal	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Turkey	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

QUARTER FINALS

Sat June 22 Winners Group B v Runners-up Group A (Anfield, 6.30)
Sun June 23 Winners Group C v Runners-up Group D (Old Trafford, 3.0)
Sat June 22 Runners-up Group B v Winner Group A (Wembley, 3.0)
Sun June 23 Runners-up Group C v Winner Group D (Villa Park, 6.30)

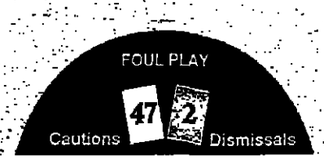
SEMI-FINALS

Wed June 26 Villa Park winners v Anfield winners (Old Trafford, 4.0)
Wed June 26 Wembley winners v Old Trafford winners (Wembley, 7.30)

FINAL

Sun June 30 Wembley (7.0) BBC1 and ITV

PREVIOUS WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
1960 USSR	1960 Yugoslavia
1964 Spain	1964 USSR
1968 Italy	1968 Yugoslavia
1972 West Germany	1972 USSR
1976 Czechoslovakia	1976 West Germany
1980 West Germany	1980 Belgium
1984 France	1984 Spain
1988 Holland	1988 USSR
1992 Denmark	1992 Germany



LATEST BETTING
11-4: Germany
7-2: Italy
5-1: France
6-1: Holland
8-1: England
10-1: Spain
10-1: Portugal
14-1: Croatia

LATEST BETTING
25-1: Bulgaria
25-1: Denmark
50-1: Russia
50-1: Romania
50-1: Switzerland
66-1: Scotland
150-1: Czech Republic
250-1: Turkey

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FOOTBALL: MISGUIDED REFEREES OVERSHADOW INDIVIDUAL FLAIR AS COACHES CONTRIBUTE TO CAUTIOUS OPENING EXCHANGES

Official line reins in Europe's finest

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

LIKE most marathons, the European championship is off to a measured rather than an explosive pace. Now that all 16 teams have gauged the weather and the tournament, only 13 goals have been yielded in 12 hours of football. Some teams will soon have to let go of the safety rail of caution, but the signs already are that this is shaping up to be a trainer's rather than a player's event.

By that, I mean that coaches paid as handsomely as £750,000 per year, the remuneration of Arrigo Sacchi, of Italy, are insisting that the performers conform to their team designs or, whoever they are, they will not get a place in the squad. The two exceptions appear to be Bulgaria, a team if ever there was one led by tempestuous and gifted individuals, and Portugal, whose coach says again and again that the game has to be about more than winning, it has to contain the joy and philosophy of an art form.

We shall see how far Hristo Stoichkov can take the Bulgarians: we shall see whether the mesmeric interchanging between the Portuguese can be translated first into goals and then into the commodity that the Germans, the Italians, the French and Spaniards are most interested in, points.

The one set of individuals that did start off this contest at too fast a pace — referees who were under orders strictly to enforce the letter of the law — had brandished 30 yellow cards and two red after only four games. They came back to a more sensible rhythm, just 17 cards in the next four games, and one wonders whether it is fair that Germany, for example, were made to pay a fine of £4,000 for their six bookings when teams later enjoyed greater latitude.

"Players should not only content themselves with wearing the fair play logo," Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, said, "but are expected to display fair play in their conduct." Fine, but officialdom might also have the grace to admit mistakes. Leif Sundell, a fellow Swede, made the terrible ricket of allowing John Collins, of Scotland, not only to deprive Holland of a legitimate goal by his handball on the line, not only to remain on the field when a red card was automatic in that situation, but to be, arguably, the best performer of the match and to remain free to pit his wits against England on Saturday.

Guus Hiddink, the very reasonable coach of Holland, did ask Uefa, the European governing body of football, why it was that neither the referee nor the linesman was positioned in the normal fashion, from where they would surely have seen such a blatant handball. He awaits a reply.

Meanwhile, the tournament awaits ignition. We had it at Elland Road on Sunday when Spain and Bulgaria fought the one red-blooded, memorable affair. Bulgaria appeared to have ten gifted individuals who were not really a team. Spain had a team in the hard, pragmatic mould of their Basque manager, Javier Clemente, but no outstanding player, or at least none who dared to show peacock colours outside of the straitjacket that is Clemente's demand.

But in that match Stoichkov, smouldering as he always does, was denied, by a linesman's flag, the most sublime goal so far. He had moved intuitively in anticipation of a fine angled through-ball, had used his mercurial left foot to loft the ball as if using a sand-wedge out of a bunker, and curled it over Andoni Zubizarreta, the goalkeeper wearing the Spanish jersey for the 107th time. They had played as team-mates in Barcelona and, as they smiled together, the one in disappointment, the other relieved, both knew that the linesman's call was marginal, but that Stoichkov's temper could not afford a second outburst, a second yellow card.

In the same match, Juan Antonio Pizzi, the Spain centre forward, was sent off. Respected managers were heard lamenting that it was "the lad's" first foul and that it happened on the halfway line. So what? It was a tackle from behind so late and so harsh that it could have broken the shin of his opponent. We should all — players, officials, supporters — ensure that this kind of recklessness is punished as severely as the Italian referee, Piero Ceccarini, decided.

Elsewhere, thank heavens, there was an ambience rather than a confrontation between the law and the citizens. So far 293,078 spectators have passed through the gates of the eight stadiums. The eight games have produced one arrest inside the grounds for each game played and the 128 arrests made outside the stadiums and in city centres include a majority for drunkenness or for touting.

'Elsewhere thank heavens there was ambience rather than confrontation'

These figures are well below average for league football. The vacancies created at Wormwood Scrubs, Holloway and Liverpool, Durham and Leeds prisons are still unoccupied and long may that continue.

The one pitch encroachment I have seen came at the end of a marvellous night of Scottish and Dutch intermingling at Villa Park on Monday. The lone Scotsman who breached the security around the pitch was enacting, it seemed, the Ode to Joy theme that has been played everywhere; his arrest, though both he and the police officer were smiling, was both inevitable and correct.

For, having remodelled stadiums post-Hillsborough without those dreadful fences that still enclose spectators all around Europe, there has to be a premium of trust on the people. That trust is as much on trial this month as any player, any team.

And now, before the teams limber up for the increasingly important nights, one seasoned world traveller, the Dutch writer, Jaap de Groot summed up: "I did learn something new this week. It seems that after 150 years of the game in England, your journalists have discovered there are players who like to drink after the tensions of a match."



The tempestuous Stoichkov, left, who displayed outstanding skills, celebrates his goal in the 1-1 draw with Spain as Kiriakov moves away

Unhappy Bulgaria loathe to be beside the seaside

By David Maddock

THE Bulgarians have packed their bags and high-tailed out of Scarborough, never to return. The final straw came, it seems, when their hosts, eager to counter claims of boredom, offered to organise a bus trip to the promenade.

The move came after a players' revolt. The squad, led by Hristo Stoichkov, complained that there was nothing to do, and far too much travelling involved, from their base on the east coast.

Instead, they will now enjoy the pastoral delights of ... Stockton-on-Tees. For those unfamiliar with this town, as quite clearly the Bulgarians are, the phrase "industrial wasteland" should offer the appropriate picture.

The Bulgaria squad will stay in Stockton before and after the Group B fixture with Romania at St James' Park today, and then they will move on to another corner of the Cleveland industrial heartland, Newton Aycliffe. "We have nothing against Scarborough, but it was too isolated, and there was nothing to do there, except play table tennis and go for walks," Boris Myhailov, the Bulgaria and Reading goalkeeper, said.

Yesterday, the good citizens of Scarborough offered a hearty defence of their wind-blown seaside town. "They chose the hotel because it is isolated, and they wanted to be segregated from the temptations of the nightlife in Scarborough centre," John Treble, the town council's chief executive, explained. Quite what that says about the Bulgarians or their nightlife back home is probably best left unexplored.

The contest today between Bulgaria and Romania should be an intense affair as there is little love lost between the two nations. Much will depend on those two moody mavericks, Stoichkov and Gheorghe Hagi. "We have recaptured our feeling of two years ago at the World Cup, and we feel we will progress strongly," Stoichkov said.

Hagi is a little more diplomatic. "The Bulgarians have probably the strongest attack in the competition, and it will be very hard," he said. "But it is a game we simply have to win. Our tournament is now at stake on this game because of the defeat against France."

Hiddink demands controlled approach from Dutch

By Russell Kempson

HOLLAND have always been noted for their individual skills. Ten talented outfield players strutting their stuff, but with a team ethic to fall back on if things went wrong. Tonight, against Switzerland in Group A at Villa Park, they will be asked to adopt a more cerebral approach.

In the closing stages of the 0-0 draw with Scotland on Monday, Holland ran out of ideas, lost shape and then tried to bludgeon their way through the massed ranks in front of them. It might have made for a frenzied, engrossing spectacle, but did little to impress Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach.

"We did not use our brains, we played too much from our hearts," he said. "We have to think a bit more about what we are doing, especially when we are getting frustrated. We must use our heads more, it has to be that way."

The return of Danny Blind, the Ajax central defender, will help soothe the nagging fears should all not go according to plan. The Holland captain missed the Scotland game because of suspension, but will replace Johan de Kock. "We were over-enthusiastic," Blind said. "We have to stay calm." Peter Hoekstra, the left winger, has recovered from a knee injury and is likely to replace Gaston Taument.

Holland realise, though, after Switzerland's defiant 0-0 draw against England, that a once supposedly predictable group still has a myriad of permutations. "Swiss football has developed tremendously in recent years," Hiddink said. "They have caught up with all the major European countries."

Artur Jorge, the Switzerland coach, will also reshape his side. Marc Hottiger, the Everton full back, has served a one-match suspension and will take over from Sebastien Jeanneret, the apprentice clockmaker from Neuchâtel. Jorge will again leave Stephane Chapuisat, the Borussia Dortmund striker, on the substitutes' bench, preferring Marco Grassi and Kubilay Turkyilmaz up front.

"Playing three forwards against Holland would be regarded by many coaches as stupid," he said. "They do not have any real weak spots, but perhaps some aspects are not as good as others."

The priceless joy of triumph, the crying shame of defeat

SIMON BARNES



Goran Vlaovic is a significant figure in European history. He reached this place of eminence by spending 15 minutes of his time trying to kick a bladder between a pair of sticks. After 11 of these minutes he actually did so.

I was there when Vlaovic took the field as substitute for his country, Croatia, and when he took his country to this important moment in its history. I was there when he sprinted from inside his own half, rounded the Turkish full back and goalie, when he scored. I was there when he performed the Klinsmann swallow-dive on to the turf before a small band of fellow Croatians in the stands. And I saw joy burst like a rainbow across the sodden night.

Perhaps you detect a tinge of irony, a patronising sneer at the idea that such a thing really could have any significance outside the self-enclosed world of sport. But I intend no such thing. The world of sport is not self-enclosed at all.

Croatia has existed for an eye-blink of history. It is seeking to change its status from a war zone to that of a nation that dines at the high table of Europe. And it happens that Euro 96 is the high table of Europe.

I remember meeting the Lithuanian Olympic Committee in a horrible coffee shop near the Houses of Parliament. The Soviet collapse was not yet actual and the Lithuanians had not then been recognised by the International Olympic Committee. They were trying to change that.

Good people. I liked them a lot. And so, interview done, we drank some more unpleasant coffee for the pleasure of talk. I blathered on a bit about there being too much nationalism in the Olympic Games. Burn the flags, silence the national anthems. "You say that because you are a privileged person. How long has your nation been free?" Ouch. And she continued. Only an old nation has the luxury of rejecting nationalism, she said.

Whether sport matters more to an old or to a new nation I cannot say, but certainly to a young one it carries more significance. I am fond of quoting the remark of Ondina Viera, manager of the Uruguay football team in the Fifties: "Other nations have history. We have football."

A lot of nations have football as a kind of instant history. Most of sub-Saharan Africa for a start. Cameroon's victory over Argentina in the opening match of the 1990 World Cup was part of the history of Africa; a spectacular entry into the modern world. The fortunes of a football team affect the sense of who you are, the nature of your place in international life. Ridiculous, perhaps, but unquestionably true.

On Tuesday night, the Turkish people felt much of the same thing. Turkey is not exactly an emergent nation, but it is a country that wishes to be considered newly modern, a place with deserved access to the high table. The footballers, at least, have earned the right to dine there by qualifying, and they take part in the finals bearing the hopes of the nation. They felt it, too, playing with edginess and passion and, finally, with despair, as Rustu Recber, their goalie, gave witness as he wept salt tears into the soaking turf after Vlaovic had beaten him.

Football matters. All sport matters. Perhaps it shouldn't, sport being essentially silly, but unquestionably it does. Politicians pursue sport, and athletes, in search of the elusive phenomenon called the "feel-good" factor. Businesses attach themselves to sport and to athletes for the "sell-good" factor. Trade once followed the flag: these days it follows sporting achievement.

Perhaps the English, being members of an old and sophisticated country, have sport and nationalism in a sensible perspective, but, if so, why the nationwide hurt when "our" unfit footballers followed a poor performance with a few beers? Why does Terry Venables, the England coach, call the journalists who reported the matter "traitors"? It can only be that, for us, the national football team matters.

No matter how old, or how powerful, or how prosperous a nation is, sport matters. Do you doubt me? Then wait for approximately six weeks and watch the American response to the Olympic Games, and especially to the basketball team's ritual slaying of the slain. Watch America's joy at every mismatch. Listen for the curdling whoops that will follow every American triumph. Greatest nation on earth. Way to go! Whoo-oooop! Moral: every nation on earth seeks to understand itself through sport.

Vlaovic reaps reward for courage

Russell Kempson hears a story of success in adversity

GORAN VLAOVIC is 23, still boyish and sports the barest hint of a moustache. After scoring the winning goal for Croatia against Turkey on Tuesday, he is a national hero.

Yet behind the fresh-faced visage lies a remarkable, often tragic, tale — as are so many from Croatia, a country born of a region torn apart by conflict. Vlaovic tells it as it was, unemotionally and with an almost eerie detachment.

How, when he was 19, his grandfather, Franjo, was killed during the war in Cernik, eastern Croatia. "He thought the grenading from the Serbian army had finished and went outside to have a look," Vlaovic said yesterday. "It had not. He was hit by the last bomb." How four other relatives lost their lives, and many friends, too: how, when he was 12, his mother, Vera, died of a tumour.

And of how his biggest test was reserved for after the war. Only eight months ago, Vlaovic was diagnosed as suffering from a rare brain disorder. A blockage had to be removed by microsurgery. Dr Jacques Kamard, a Belgian, performed the operation.

"If it was not for him, I would not be playing," Vlaovic said. He remembers all the dates — again, in a matter-of-fact manner. "The condition was found in early August. The operation was on September 15, 1995 and, on October 20, I had started training. On December 3, I played my first match. It felt good."

Scoring for his country this week also felt good, not simply because it was the winning goal, but because, having come on as a substitute, Vlaovic had made his mark. "Like every young, ambitious player, I want to be part of the first team," he said. "I want to progress. I have to."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Playing a side suit before drawing trumps is a common way of dealing with a bad trump break. This hand is an example.

Dealer North — Game all — Teams

	♠A43 ♥J74 ♦J1073 ♣KQ10	
♠KJ108 ♥AK1032 ♦Q92 ♣7	N W E S	♠Q ♥Q9865 ♦854 ♣8542
	♠97652 ♥ ♦AK6 ♣AJ983	

W	N	E	S
	Pass	Pass	1♣
1♥	2♥	Double	2♠
Pass	3♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	4♠	All Pass	

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ace of hearts

The contract was the same at both tables. North's Two Hearts showed a maximum pass with no other good constructive bid. East would have done better to raise his partner's hearts rather than double.

Both declarers ruffed the lead of the ace of hearts and ducked a round of trumps to East's queen. A heart came back but, after this had been trumped, the play diverged. One South cashed the ace of spades, hoping for a 3-2 trump break, but now the roof fell in. West soon gained the lead, drew the last trumps, and cashed the rest of his hearts.

The other South found a neat safety play. After ruffing the second heart lead he simply started playing on clubs, leaving three trumps at large. As soon as a club was ruffed, he trumped the heart continuation, cashed the ace of trumps, and continued clubs. Now he was in control — with a trump left in each hand, there was no need to try a diamond finesse and his only losers were the three trumps. Notice that it would not have mattered if the trumps were three-two — declarer comes down to the same ending.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Record entry

Chess organiser Michael Basman is to be congratulated on having put together possibly the largest individual children's competition in the world. The giant Rotary Chess Initiative children's chess tournament, which has been running throughout the year, is now approaching its final stages. A total of 22,550 children, from 700 schools, comprised the initial entry.

Although Intel, the original sponsors, dropped out, their place was taken by the Rotary Clubs of Great Britain, who will also be supporting a series of 40-board simultaneous displays by children on Saturday July 6 at Nottingham University at 2.15pm. Among those giving the displays will be grandmasters Nigel Short and Julian Hodgson, along with Harriet Hunt, Britain's top girl player, Luke McShane, Britain's top junior, and Elvira Sakhatova.

Speelman wins

The following energetic win by Jon Speelman was played in the final round of the Four Nations League. Speelman's enterprising strategy as Black was instrumental in gaining first place in the overall competition for the Slough team.

White: Graham Buckley
Black: Jon Speelman

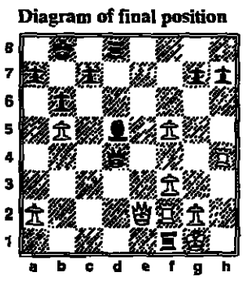
Slough v Midland Monarchs
Four Nations League, May 1996

English Defence

1	d4	e6
2	c4	b6
3	e4	Bb7
4	f3	Bb4+
5	Bd2	Qe7
6	Nh3	f5
7	exd5	Nc6
8	Bxb4	Qxb4+
9	Nc3	Qxb2
10	Nb5	Qb4+
11	Kf2	0-0-0
12	Rb1	Qa5
13	d5	Nge7
14	dxc6	dxc6
15	Qe1	Rd2+
16	Kg1	cxb5
17	Qxe6+	Rd7
18	cxb5	Rhd8
19	Nf4	Qd2
20	Nd3	Kb8
21	Rb2	Qc3.
22	Rf2	Rxd3
23	Qxe7	Rd1
24	h4	Qd4
25	Qe2	Bd5
26	Kh2	Qxf4+
27	Kg1	Qd4
28	Rh4	Rxd1+

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SEICHE
a. A Swiss-Austrian
b. A tidal wave
c. A German goblin

SIGILLARY
a. Combustible
b. An arrow store
c. To do with seals

SCORDIUM
a. A brothel
b. An antidote
c. The Senate at Corinth

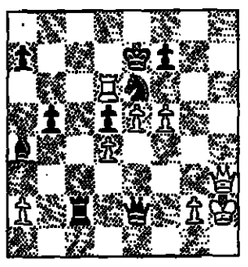
SMAIK
a. A Northumberland herring
b. To boast
c. A yob

Answers on page 46

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Shirov — Kamsky, Moscow 1992. Can White, two pieces down, improve upon the simple capture of the black knight on e6?



Solution on page 46

Why England need a dose of Glauber's salts

In the far-off days before football was professional, and long before sports scientists researched the secrets of keeping fit, British sportsmen and their coaches relied heavily on the powers of Glauber's salts. It could well turn out to be the missing ingredient in the unconventional preparations of Terry Venables and his England squad for the European championship.

Britain used to lead the way in coaching lore, and one of the first great bibles of sporting fitness was *Walker's Manly Exercises*, printed in England in 1856. It came out of a vigorous sporting culture that was accustomed to training men and animals for events as varied as cock-fighting, horse racing and pugilism. This was a world in which trainers plucked their *raw material from drinking dens and* knocked their men into shape for contests that were fought for huge wagers.

'The problems for Venables are horribly familiar'

These trainers knew their fortunes depended on the stamina of their charges, which was where the Glauber's salts came in. Before launching their men into prodigious programmes of physical exercise, the coaches would first clean them up using a regime of emetics and induced bouts of heavy sweating.

The training manuals explained that a good dose of salts was needed to fix the livers of sportsmen who habitually spent their leisure hours drinking and carousing. Once the salts had done their work, the athletes were kept well away from the bottle and the dens of temptation. Sports science has come some way since 1856, but the problems for Venables and his crew remain horribly familiar, and much age-old wisdom is still ignored.

Anyone who witnessed England lurch their way through the second half against Switzerland at Wembley last weekend could not have missed the obvious: here were international players, highly-paid professionals, selected to represent their country, who were so unfit and tired that they simply could not take *the pace of a 90-minute game. It was* a disgrace — and stupidly unnecessary.

There are no great secrets to getting fit these days. There are simple and well-documented routines that the sportsman flouts at his peril. Any competent trainer should be able to get his team to the start in a fit state. Ball skills and an instinctive footballing brain, both of which a player like Paul Gascoigne has in abundance, are gifts that you may be



born with, but fitness can be earned. Once earned, it should not be squandered.

According to the Euro 96 hype, football has come home — but the England squad and their coach contrived to turn home advantage into a handicap. Competing at home should mean that you do not have to travel; you do not have to put up with jet lag, tiring journeys, foreign food, *upset stomachs. So how could the* England team be so arrogant, so cavalier, so stupid, as to head for China just days before the start of the tournament?

To make matters worse, as the team jetted through time-zones dropkicking their chances of a peak performance at Wembley, they dehydrated further by taking alcohol with reckless disregard for the simplest rules of sports diet.

At least one leading medical expert has put their pathetic performance down to jet lag. Professor Nick Heather, a consultant clinical psychologist and director of the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Studies, said that the effects of a long flight can last for up to a fortnight and harm physical performance even more than drinking.

Dr Richard Budgett, the medical adviser to the British Olympic Association, said the traditional British footballing view, that young, fit players can laugh off the odd boozing session a few weeks before a tournament, did not take account of the medical facts. "There are four things vital to peak performance," he said. "Hard training, adequate rest, good diet and good hydration."

'How could England be so arrogant, so stupid?'

"Alcohol causes dehydration, *which slows the recovery process* from training. If you drink heavily it can be very difficult to rehydrate properly. Even two or three pints of beer in an evening is enough to cause problems."

There has been much dreaming in this great summer of sport of emulating the 1966 World Cup triumph. Watching a television replay of that final, however, you see fit young men who could run and keep on running. Alan Ball was still flying well into extra time. Last Saturday, Sheringham, McManaman and Gascoigne were lucky to make it to half-time, and Venables admitted that when he sent on the substitutes he picked from eight players who "looked very, very tired".

There is something very time-warped about our footballers' attitude to fitness. There was a time, during the early days of *Superstar* contests, when competitors from sports such as golf and motor racing would perform abysmally in tests of all-round fitness. Not any more. Today a Nick Faldo or a Damon Hill takes fitness very seriously. Even as Gascoigne slowed to a walk on Saturday, Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario were laying on a remarkable display of stamina in the French Open tennis final.

Perhaps Venables should dip into a copy of *Walker's Manly Exercises*. He might conclude that what Gascoigne and his drinking companions need even more than a dose of Glauber's salts is a double dose of exercise and discipline. Those who were saddened into silence during the second half at Wembley last Saturday would probably drink to that.

JOHN BRYANT

RADIO CHOICE

Emerald Isle cliffhanger

Firefly Summer. *Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.*

Dissimilar in all other respects, Jane Cassidy's six-part dramatisation of Maeve Binch's novel has one pivotal thing in common with John Ford's 1952 film *The Quiet Man*. Its central character is an Irish-American who returns to his ancestral soil in the Emerald Isle and creates all kinds of chaos. Binch's catalyst is played by David Soul, the Hutch half of *Starsky and Hutch*, the American television series. This shrewd piece of casting should boost the audience for *Firefly Summer*, while giving the serial the dynamic edge that it sometimes needs. Episode two ends on the kind of cliffhanging note I long ago gave up all hope of ever hearing on radio again.

BBC Singers at the Spitalfields Festival. *Radio 3, 3.00pm.*

This concert, recorded last week at Christ Church in the City of London, marks the 25th anniversary of the death of David Munrow, devoted exponent of early music. *The Pied Piper*, a portrait of Munrow and the Early Music Consort that he formed, follows at 4.35pm. *Pied Piper* was, of course, the title of those unforgettable radio broadcasts that Munrow made in the 1970s. The BBC Singers concert includes a tribute to him. It is Gordon Crosse's *Verses In Memoriam David Munrow*. There is also a first performance, Martin Butler's *Back to Ground*. A live all-Bach concert from Christ Church is on Radio 3 tomorrow at 7.30pm.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Soundbite **10.00** Mark Radcliffe, with Lionrock in session **12.00** Claire Sturgess **4.00am** Clive Warren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Denis Tuohy **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Alex Lester **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Jasper Carrott Trial, with Enn Reitel and Jan Ravens **7.30** David Allan with the best in country music **9.00** *Paul Jones (Music Live on Tour)* **9.45** Gospel Train (Music Live on Tour) **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Sue McGarry **3.00** Steve Madden

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme incl **6.55, 7.55** Racing preview **8.35** The Magazine incl **10.35** Euronews **11.30** Health News **12.00** Midday with Mair incl Moneycheck with Katie Derham **2.05** Ruscoe on Five incl at **3.45** Entertainment News **4.05** Euro 96: Bulgaria v Romania **6.30** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson, incl at **6.50** Sports Bulletin **7.05** Euro 96: Switzerland v Holland **9.35** American Graffiti, with Jonathan Freedland **10.05** News Talk, with Paul Reynolds **11.00** Night Extra, with Valerie Sanderson **12.05am** After Hours — Early Call, with Vincent Hanna **2.05** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

5.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Off the Shelf **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News in German **9.15** Composer of the Month **9.45** Health Matters **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** Sports International **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.00** World News **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News in German **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Assignment **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** Business **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.10** World Today **6.25** Take Five **6.30** News in German **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Assignment **8.00** Newshour **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Meridian (Books) **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.10am** Take Five **12.15** Going South **12.30** Blues World **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Good Books **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Thirty-Minute Drama **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Mike Read **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata **7.00** Travel Guide. California **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Nick Bailey **1.00am** Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Robin Banks

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Tavener (Ex eius tumba); Delius (In a Summer Garden)
9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Handel (Cantata: Carco sempre di gloria); Franck (Symphonic Variations)
10.00 Musical Encounters. *Artists of the Week* · Czech Philharmonic, under Libor Pesek. Dvořák (The Wood Dove) **10.21** Janacek (At an Overgrown Path, excerpts); Suk (String Quartet No 1 in B flat) **11.29** Janacek (Cantata: Amarus)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Weber
1.00pm Parfums de l'orient. Richard Langham presents highlights from operas by Saint-Saëns, Delibes, Roussel and Felicien David (2/3)
2.00 Schools Radio Showcase **2.05** In the News **2.25** Something to Think About **2.40** Music Workshop
3.00 The BBC Singers at the Spitalfields Festival. See Choice
4.35 The Pied Piper. A portrait of David Munrow and his Early Music Consort
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune. Live from the Jubilee Hall at the Aldeburgh Festival. Rossini (La Regata Veneziana); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A, K201); Wilbye (Adieu, sweet Amaryllis)
7.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Martyn Brabbins. With Robert Cohen, cello. Britten (Variations on a Theme of Frank Bridge); Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor); Rachmaninov (Symphony No 3 in A minor)
9.10 Are You Still Awake? With Judi Dench and Michael Williams (4/5) (r)
9.25 Beethoven. Vanbrugh Quartet. Beethoven (String Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5) (r)
10.00 Music Restored. Mitzi Meyerson, harpsichord. François Couperin (Suite in G, Premier Ordre); J.C.F. Fischer (Suite in D, Polymnia); Fux (Partita in A minor)
10.45 Night Waves
11.30 Composers of the Week: Böhm, Bruhns and Buxtehude (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes
1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **(LW only) 6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport, **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 The Road to Repair(2/4)
10.00 News: Firefly Summer (FM only). See Choice (2/6)
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 This Sceptr'd Isle (LW only)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Chris Choi
12.25pm Inspiration 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; With a Little Help from My Friends. Frances McNeill's play tells the story of Brian Epstein during the hectic, turbulent years of his relationship with the Beatles
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
4.45 Short Story: Tilting at Windmills, by Jacinta Bell. Read by Andy Rivers
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? (2/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Bloody Students. A three-part series looking back at redbrick undergraduate life over the last 50 years
8.00 Analysis. Ngaire Woods examines the cases both for and against European enlargement
8.45 From Their Own Correspondent (4/6)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: Craven House(4/5)
11.00 Disappearing Acts. Terry McMillan's novel dramatised by Bonnie Greer (1/4)
11.30 Ad Lib (FM only) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW only)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Skin Tight (4/10) **12.48** Shipping **1.00 As World Service**

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GOLF: MASTERS CHAMPION PURSUES SECOND MAJOR TITLE OF THE YEAR

Faldo keeps open mind on chance of grand slam

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN BLOOMFIELD HILLS

HERE in this comfortable suburb of Detroit as many plots exist for the US Open Championship, which starts today, as in several editions of *EastEnders*, but none is strong enough to obscure the three dominant ones. Can Nick Faldo win the second major championship of the year and maintain his challenge for golf's grand slam? How will Greg Norman fare in his first appearance in a major since he collapsed so spectacularly at Augusta? Will anyone tame The Monster, which is what Ben Hogan christened the Oakland Hills course when he won here in 1951?

Answering the second question is easier than the first and third. Norman believes that he played only two bad shots on that fateful afternoon at the Masters two months ago — his second on the 8th and his tee-shot on the 16th. "Two bad swings, that's all," he said. If you believe that about an afternoon in which he started six strokes ahead of Faldo and finished five behind then you believe the golf ball is square. Yet the very fact that Norman can again and again come out with that sort of explanation and give every appearance of believing it himself tells us a lot about him.

No one loses as gracefully as Norman and no one can turn a negative into a positive the way he can. He does it as easily as he puts backspin on his approach shots. But even Norman's legendary ability to rebound from one setback after another will be tested if he finds himself playing alongside Faldo on Saturday afternoon or, worse for him, on Sunday afternoon.

Faldo is pursuing a dream, so difficult that no one has ever done it, not even Ben Hogan in 1953 when he won the Masters and the Opens of the United States and Britain but then could not return to the US in time to compete at the US PGA. Never mind winning all four, only two men have won the first two major events of the year — Arnold Palmer in 1960 and

JEFF KOWALSKY



Tiger Woods, left, and Nicklaus exchange pointers on the 1st green yesterday

Jack Nicklaus in 1972. This does not stop the questions coming at Faldo as fast as some of the putts on the severely contoured greens here.

"Is it an impossible dream?" is one. "Can it be done?" is another. The pragmatic and analytical side of Faldo makes him answer affirmatively. "It's possible," he said, though the near impossibility of it made him laugh. "All you've got to do is win all four. You have to get everything right, physically, mentally, emotionally, health, all sorts and then you have 150 other guys also trying to compete." His voice trailed off. "If Nicklaus can't do it and Hogan couldn't do it, I guess that shows you how hard it is. It's fractionally higher than Everest."

"It is very difficult to get your game in top form for four different weeks for four different styles of golf courses, all of which probably don't suit you," Nicklaus said. "No matter how much ability you have, you have to have a lot of luck."

In Faldo's favour is that this course is so demanding, even when some of its bite has been lessened by rain, and on such a course a player who is as methodical, thoughtful and determined as Faldo is hard to beat. Some professionals might be perturbed by being unable to score under par — only Andy North beat par at the 1985 US Open and that by one stroke — but not Faldo, who won the 1987 Open at Muirfield with a last round of 18 pars. "As the pressure tightens, making pars works," Faldo said. "In those last 18 or nine holes of a major you have got to have all parts of your game working because everything gets tested. It is the tightening of the screw."

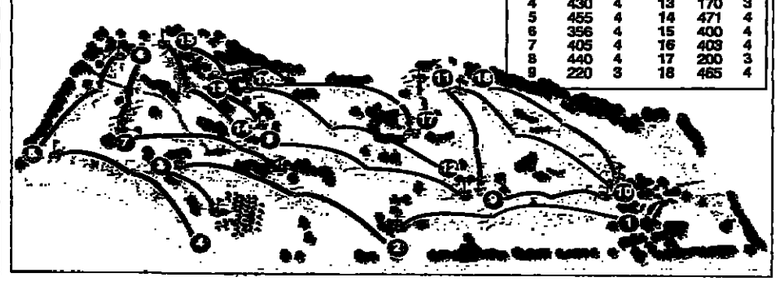
Drives always have to be straight at a US Open, though the rain this week has dampened the 25-yard wide fairways and lessened the chances of balls running into the rough. Positioning the second and third shots is important, sometimes the best option being to hit deliberately into the rough on one side of the green. As if that was not enough, then the greens have more undulations than Augusta's, though they are fractionally slower. Montgomerie said they are the most severe greens he has putted on.

The winner should come from a group of five contenders: Phil Mickelson, who has a wonderful short game, Ernie Els, who has the combination of power and touch and, after winning last Sunday by eight strokes, is in form, Colin Montgomerie because he is so straight, a good putter and has finished third and second in the past four US Opens, Faldo and Corey Pavin, the defending champion, who thrives on adversarial conditions.

GUIDE TO OAKLAND HILLS

PAR: 70 TOTAL YARDS: 6,974
OUT: 3,456 (par 35) IN: 3,518 (par 35)

HOLE	YARDS	PAR	HOLE	YARDS	PAR
1	433	4	10	450	4
2	523	5	11	399	4
3	194	3	12	560	5
4	430	4	13	170	3
5	455	4	14	471	4
6	356	4	15	400	4
7	405	4	16	403	4
8	440	4	17	200	3
9	220	3	18	465	4



RUGBY UNION

Scotland call on Eriksson to fill breach

FROM MARK SOUSTER IN DUNEDIN

RONNIE ERIKSSON, the London Scottish centre, is the only new cap in the Scotland side to play New Zealand in the first international here on Saturday. The 24-year-old business student makes his debut because of injuries to Scott Hastings and Graham Shiel. Scotland may send for a replacement, most probably Cameron Glasgow, of Heriot's FP, who has been touring Japan with the Barbarians.

At 6ft 1in and almost 16 stone, Eriksson certainly has the physical attributes that Scotland will need against New Zealand. Although born in Athlone to an Irish mother and Swedish father, Eriksson grew up in Scotland and, as a product of Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh, qualifies through residence. "When my name was read out I was fairly ecstatic," Eriksson said.

"With only two centres left standing, if I hadn't been picked I might have been a bit upset. Working myself up for the game isn't going to be a problem, its going to be calming myself down, but I'm sure the other guys will help."

Gary Armstrong is the selectors' choice at scrum half and plays his first game for Scotland since 1994, and his fourth against the All Blacks, after a spate of injuries. Kenny Logan regains the left wing position he lost in the five nations' championship this year, after returning to his best form in New Zealand where he has scored four tries.

The back division has a logical look to it given the All Black challenge, although the selectors did consider playing Craig Chalmers at stand-off half and switching Townsend to outside centre.

A Wales XV scored six tries but still lost 51-41 to Australia B at Ballymore, Brisbane yesterday. The Welsh, fielding only three of the side that lost 56-25 to Australia last Saturday in the first of two internationals, showed flair in their backs, scoring some fine tries, but could never close the gap on Australia B.

SCOTLAND: R Shepherd (Melrose); C Joiner (Leicester), R Eriksson (London Scottish), I Jardine (Stirling County), K Logan (Stirling County); G Townsend (Northampton), G Armstrong (Newcastle); D Hilton (Bath), K McKenzie (Stirling County), P Wright (Boroughmuir), R Wainwright (Watsonians, captain), D Cronin (Bourges), G Weir (Newcastle), I Smith (Gloucester), E Peters (Bath). Replacements: A Stanger (Hawick), C Chalmers (Melrose), A Nicol (Bath), S Murray (Edinburgh Academicals), T Smith (Watsonians), G Ellis (Currie)

WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 43

SEICHE

(b) A tidal wave in the surface of a lake. From the Swiss French *seiche*, perhaps a graphic adoption of the German *seiche*, sinking (of water). Not connected, as is usually stated, with the French *seiche, sèche* a portion of the sea-bottom left uncovered at low tide. "A seiche is an occasional undulation of the water of lakes, like a tide wave, sometimes to the height of five feet, supposed to be caused by the unequal pressure of the atmosphere."

SIGILLARY

(c) Of or pertaining to a seal or signet; connected with the use or making of seals. From the Late Latin *sigillum* a seal, the diminutive of *signum* a sign.

SCORDIUM

(b) A name for the Water-Germander, *Teucrium Scordium*, a plant formerly in use in medicine as a sudorific, an antidote for poisons, etc.

SMAIK

(c) A yob, a low, mean or contemptible fellow, a rascal or rogue. From Old German *smëken, smeiken* to flatter.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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The view from outside makes more sense

Unexpectedly, it was Adam Faith who set the tone last night. "I have made and lost a fortune. I know what it's like to be rich and I know what it's like to be broke." I do not — but after an evening spent watching **Inside Story Special: £830,000,000: Nick Leeson and the Fall of the House of Barings** (BBC1) and *Dosh* I am beginning to get an idea. Fortunes were won and squandered at bewildering speeds. One minute you were flusher than flush, the next it was you, an empty wallet and a garden full of wallabies. Ah yes, the wallabies. Remind me to explain about them later.

Given its title, I didn't think it unreasonable to expect an *Inside Story Special* to deliver the inside story of how the wheels came off at Barings. But instead, Adam Curtis's film delivered the outside story, a story which if (and this is a big if) we had bothered to plough through the acres of newsprint dedicated to it, we already knew. That was the bad news. The good news was that Curtis's version was easier, shorter and more fun.

Somehow I had managed to miss Leeson's earlier television appearances, so seeing him in the flesh still had novelty value. He was older-looking and odder-sounding than I expected. He was also rather out of date.

The interview was date-marked November last year. Now eight months, I realise, is a mere nothing in television terms, but for this story it is an age ago. Eight months is pre-extradition, pre-trial, pre-conviction, pre-sentence . . . generally pre-comeuppance. If Leeson is still the cocksure, attention-seeker that he came across as in this interview . . . that would be a surprise. But I don't suppose the Singapore prison authorities were about to let us find out, so we mustn't be too hard on Curtis.

But there were other reasons why Curtis was right to retell the outside story rather than the inside story. The first is that the outside story is simply so good — how a boy from Watford, the sort of person of whom Margaret Thatcher would have approved, brought down the City bluebloods.

The second is that to appreciate the inside story, you have to be versed in the hideous intricacies of futures trading, at home with the rigours of auditing and have a passing knowledge of computer programming. In short, you have to be a lot brighter than the senior management at Barings appeared to have been, the "bumbling fools" as Leeson described them.

So, helped by some witty archive film footage (although I rather tired of *Billy Liar* and *A Night to Remember* towards the end), Curtis kept it simple. Leeson's fraud was clever, but the constant flow of money from London to Singapore ought to have alerted Barings management to what was going on far earlier, as the squirming, fidgeting body language of Peter Norris, the chief executive, confirmed. But at least he turned up to face the cameras.

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

But what about the wallabies, you ask? Well, it turned out Barings have been ruined before . . . by a young clerk who a hundred years ago went to Argentina and staked the lot on the Buenos Aires' sewerage system, making it perhaps the first ever investment to have gone down the pan. Edward Baring, then the chairman, went into exile on a island off the west coast of Ireland, taking his sons and three wallabies with him. Perhaps their hopping was therapeutic.

A few wallabies looked as though they might be needed in ***Dosh: The Filthy Rich Special*** (Channel 4) as our man Faith examined the problems of being and staying seriously rich. Cyril, a retired postman, did not have a problem — he had won £454,000 on the pools six years ago. Since then he had bought a new bungalow, an aviary, spent £32,000 on other things — and stuck the rest in the bank. As he said: "I wouldn't have a clue what to do with it."

Mike from Plymouth, who won £2.8 million on the National Lottery last year, did. Without seeking advice, he had invested more than 70 per cent of his winnings in Plymouth property, the prospects for which were not looking bright. He had already revised his target of doubling his money in a year and was now looking for a return of 15-20 per cent. The assembled experts were doubtful, very doubtful. "What do you want if you don't want money?" Faith famously asked. Wallabies, of course.

In a programme that was enjoyably energetic and irreverent, we also met Lew, a night-club entrepreneur. Despite a fortune "conservatively valued" at £10 million, Lew still liked driving a hard bargain — he had got 17 per cent off a house in Barbados, 15 per cent off a new Bentley and picked up a rare bottle of Mouton Rothschild '45 for less than half its £2,000 value. It now enjoys pride of place on his mantlepiece . . . where it presumably runs the serious risk of turning into a £2,000 bottle of vinegar by Christmas.

On such a night I half-hoped that Steve Rider's first question in last night's opening round of **The Olympic Game** (BBC1) would be "How much money is there in the International Olympic Committee's Swiss bank account?". Actually, it turned out to be about black power salutes, which was one in the eye for those who had smirked at the words "produced in association with the IoC".

Cosy it wasn't, but nor was it particularly entertaining, with identification questions of mind-boggling easiness and a round involving the five Olympic rings that defies description. An Olympic edition of *A Question of Sport* would have been a much better idea.

CHOICE

3-D
ITV, 7.30pm

Once upon a time medical advances were made in the privacy of the operating theatre and we heard about them afterwards. Now the cameras are there, before, during and after, to record every move. The latest family to play out their hopes and fears before television's gaze are Jack and Kit, doctors in Northern Ireland, and their 14-month-old daughter, Ciara. The little girl has an incurable liver disease and the only option is a transplant. Normally this means waiting for a suitable donor to die. But there is an alternative. The father could donate part of his liver, a practice still rare in Britain. It is a risky business, both for the father and the child. But Jack has made up his mind. His operation alone takes five hours and is only the start of a long period of anxiety for the family and the medical team alike.

One Foot in the Past
BBC2, 8.30pm

In another enticing mix, the heritage programme follows Sir Bernard Ingham up his favourite monument, tells the story of the model village and, in its campaigning mood, bangs the drum for a neglected architect. Unsurprisingly, Sir Bernard's monument is in his native Yorkshire and commemorates a famous British victory in Europe. The great obelisk is at Stoodley Pike, on the Yorkshire moors near Halifax, and it marks the battle of Waterloo. Sir Bernard has been visiting Stoodley Pike for 60 years and does not intend to stop now. Sir John Soane, claims the programme, was a greater architect than Wren. But the Victorians hated his severely classical buildings and pulled many of them down. If *One Foot in the Past* has its way, Soane will be forgotten no longer.

Cutting Edge: Provocation
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Right to the end the law was reluctant to concede that Sara Thornton was provoked into killing her husband, Malcolm. But if the title of this programme is tendentious its content is gripping. Based on extensive interviews with Thornton herself, her family and friends, and Malcolm's son by a previous marriage, it reveals a character more troubled, and less sympathetic, than a simple heroine of the feminist movement. Thornton says the root of her difficulties was an inability to live up to clever parents. She developed a lack of self-esteem which nearly drove her to suicide and carried her unstable personality into a disastrous marriage with Malcolm Thornton. He was an alcoholic and he beat her but she was hardly blameless. Even those who supported her campaign to overturn her murder conviction found her capricious and ungrateful.

QED: The Outcasts
BBC1, 10.00pm

An edition of *QED* which had a particular impact featured the gynaecologists, Reg and Catherine Hamlin, and the hospital they set up in Ethiopia to treat young women injured in childbirth. Viewers were so impressed that they donated £500,000. That was three years ago and Reg Hamlin, who was in his eighties, has since died. But his wife, now 72, has carried on and still performs operations at the crack of dawn. The new film demonstrates that the Hamlins' pioneering work is as much needed as ever. Typical of the patients is Adena, a 15-year-old who lost her baby, was abandoned by her husband and walked for two days to get to the hospital. Her injury has left her incontinent and made her a social outcast. Medical teams from the hospital also travel to remote villages to treat those unable to get to Addis Ababa.

Peter Waymark

6.00am Business Breakfast (71787)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (35145)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax) (2351597)
9.20 Morning Surgery (s) (1018400)
9.50 FILM: Knock on Wood (1954) With Danny Kaye and Mai Zetterling. Musical about a ventriloquist with a wise-cracking dummy. Directed by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank (36798961)
11.40 Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave: Nice Rice (r) (s) (6479503)
12.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and weather (7271110)
12.05pm Eat Your Words. Food quiz (s) (4489049)
12.35 Going for Gold with the effervescent Hnery Kelly (s) (4059706)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (38232)
1.30 Regional News and weather (72720597)
1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (35887665)
2.00 International Tennis: The Stella Artois Grass Court Championships Introduced by Sue Barker from the Queen's Club, London, with commentary from John Barrett, Mark Cox, David Mercer and Bill Threlfall (s) (68813684)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (818110)
6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (992787)
6.25 Regional news magazines (590508)
6.45 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (873416)
7.15 Euro 96 Live: Switzerland v Holland. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of tonight's Group A match from Villa Park, Birmingham. Plus highlights of the game between Bulgaria and Romania from St James' Park, Newcastle, and reports from the England and Scotland camps 48 hours before their Group A match at Wembley, the first meeting of the "auld enemies" since 1989. With guests Ruud Gullit and Alan Hansen and commentary provided by Barry Davies and Trevor Brooking. (Ceefax) (s) (84227394)
9.30 News. With Peter Sissons (Ceefax) regional news and weather with Suzanne Charlton (43077)
10.00 QED: **The Outcasts** (Ceefax) (s) (664771) **N.I.: 10.00** Spotlight **10.30** QED **11.05** Question Time **12.05am** FILM: The Arrangement **2.05** Weather
10.35 Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs a political debate from Birmingham. The panel is: Prue Leith, President of the Royal Society of Arts, and MPs Norman Lamont, Ann Campbell and Charles Kennedy (198313) **WALES: 10.45** The Slate (127936) **11.15** Question Time (110619) **12.15am** FILM: The Arrangement (491375) **2.15** News headlines and weather (1724559)
11.35 FILM: The Arrangement (1969) with Kirk Douglas, Faye Dunaway, Deborah Kerr and Richard Boone. Director Elia Kazan's overwrought adaptation of his own bestselling novel about a successful but frustrated ad-man, who makes changes to his stressful lifestyle, dragging wife, mistress and dying father into his crack-up (762955)
1.35am Weather (1827375)

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6.00am Open University: Empires of the Mind (6665787) **6.25 Ndebele: Women and Art** (6571394) **6.50 Solids and Fluids** (3148348)
7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (3874503)
7.30 Smurfs' Adventures (1029868) **7.55 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7430481) **8.20 Penny Crayon** (9967085) **8.30 Philbert the Frog** (6125597) **8.40 The Record** (6978905)
9.05 The Limit (8192226) **9.45 Writing and Pictures** (9788481) **10.00 Playdays** (2972077) **10.25 Storytime** (5599961) **10.40 Jeunes Francophones** (8588077) **11.05 Space Ark** (4898868) **11.15 Landmarks Extra** (4556232) **11.35 Landmarks** (2381400) **12.00 Teaching Today** (20684) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (58955) **1.00 Lifeschool** (59804139) **1.25 Human Rights, Human Wrongs** (31269771) **1.45 Numbertime** (72803874) **2.00 Penny Crayon** (73727481)
2.10 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (1061752) **2.50 Wartime Weddings** (7330315) **3.00 News** (Ceefax) and weather (4602139) **3.05 Westminster** (4078232) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (2033918)
4.00 Tex Avery (r) (6194023) **4.05 The Wizard of Oz** (Ceefax) (s) (6738526) **4.30 Mud** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (787) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (6707477) **5.10 The Biz** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1943752)
5.35 I'm Still a Tourist (r) (706416)
5.45 NEW **Blooming Lovely.** The lives of London florists (1/6) (622400)
5.55 Gardeners' World Live from the NEC, Birmingham (s) (827868)
6.25 Beating Retreat. Live coverage as the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visit Horse Guards Parade (s) (3475955)
7.30 Out and About (416) **N.I.: 7.30** File an Phobell **WALES: 7.30** Homeland
8.00 Rick Stein's Taste of the Sea. Rick Stein throws his annual feast for the staff of his restaurant (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3313)
8.30 [redacted] **One Foot in the Past.** The history of the model village and Sir Bernard Ingham explores Stoodley Pike (s) (5348)
9.00 The Travel Show. Robert Lindsay fishes the lakes on Mount Kenya; and Sophie Campbell visits Cornwall (s) (6058)



Davies and Barker (9.30pm)

9.30 Chalk Flew Up. This year Wimbledon's No 1 Court will be used for the last time before being replaced with a new arena. Barry Davies and Sue Barker look back at some of the matches played there since it opened in 1924 (72665)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (999139)
11.15 Gaytime TV (Ceefax) (s) (670232)
12.00 The Midnight Hour (12714)
12.30am-5.00 The Learning Zone

6.00am GMTV (7914145)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (Teletext) (s) (1019139)
9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2686226)
10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9808706)
10.35 This Morning (77056665)
12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7277394)
12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4045503)
12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4957394) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (7513961) **2.00 Murder, She Wrote** (r) (7704868)
3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (4782329)
3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (4601400)
3.30 The Riddlers (r) (6057145) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3345684) **3.50 Blazing Dragons** (s) (1051868)
4.15 Euro 96: Bulgaria v Romania at St James's Park (Teletext) (47489394)
6.30 News and weather (Teletext) (963435)
6.45 HTV News (Teletext) (953058)
7.00 Emmerdale. Pollard finds Lina an easy target (Teletext) (4619)



Jack, Clara and Kit Lee (7.30pm)

7.30 [redacted] **3-D.** To mark National Children's Liver Week, the programme follows the progress of a pioneering operation involving a father and his baby daughter (s) (482)
8.00 The Bill: Overstepping the Mark. As Sun Hill tries to get a juvenile offender to spill the beans on a gang of dangerous thugs, Daly is troubled by an attractive young probation officer (Teletext) (7139)
8.30 The Ruth Rendell Mysteries (Part 2 of 3). Stephen's passion for the moor fuels Manciple's suspicions in his hunt for the killer. But will Stephen's neglect of his wife drive her into the arms of danger? (r) (Teletext) (77771)
9.30 SAS — the Soldiers' Story. Tonight's programme looks at the role the SAS played in the Gulf War. Featuring a reconstruction of an attack in which a mobile fighting column was asked to attack and destroy one of the most important Iraqi communication bases (Teletext) (s) (38145)
10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (25139)
10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (107771)
10.40 Euro 96 Highlights: Switzerland v Holland. (Teletext) (182752)
11.40 Hunter. During a inter-departmental investigation Hunter and McCall are assigned new partners (329972)
12.40am Carnal Knowledge. Late-night sex quiz (9128153)
1.40 Not Fade Away (s) (7433207)
2.40 Shift (8546153)
3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (7400191)
4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (66894)
5.00 Garden Calendar (84646)
5.30 Morning News (17269)

As HTV WEST except:
6.45pm-7.00 Wales Tonight (953058)
7.30-8.00 Knowing My Place (482)
11.40 Something Strange (160400)
12.10am 3-D. Julia Somerville presents a special programme to mark National Children's Liver Week (4038882)

WESTCOUNTRY
As HTV West except:
12.25pm-12.30 My Story. John and Judy Wilks, who run a Christian home for the community, near Liskeard, tell the story of their journey of faith (7285313)
12.55 Emmerdale (4957394)
1.25 Cross Wits (59809684)
1.55 Home and Away Special (79025969)
2.25 Entertainment Today (88266464)
2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (9527619)
6.45-7.00 Westcountry News (953058)
11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (329972)

CENTRAL
As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away Special (4957394)
1.25 Cross Wits (59809684)
1.55 A Country Practice (35891868)
2.20 Entertainment Today (87816923)
2.50-3.20 High Road (8351961)
6.45-7.00 Central News and Weather (953058)
11.40 London Bridge. Soap set in the capital, starring Nicola King, Simone Lahbib and Charles Simpson (160400)
12.10am Revelations. Drama series about the Flattigan family starring Judy Loe and Gary Cady (2427191)
12.45 Carnal Knowledge (458240)
1.45 Not Fade Away (454424)
2.45 Shift (478004)
3.45 Customs Classified (6530356)
4.30 Jobfinder (5982004)

MERIDIAN
As HTV West except:
12.55pm Emmerdale (4957394)
1.25 Home and Away Special (59809684)
1.55 Shortland Street (35891868)
2.20 Entertainment Today (87816923)
2.50-3.20 Surprise Chefs (8351961)
6.45-7.00 Meridian Tonight (953058)
10.40 Meridian Focus (904110)
12.10am Beyond Reality (4038882)
12.40 Phoenix (9128153)
5.00 Freescreen (84646)

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Starts: 6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (3049023) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (55955) **9.00 The Golden Girls** (73936) **9.30 Schools: Equinox Plus** (6118077) **10.25 Geographical Eye** (5402481) **10.45 The Mix** (4745706) **11.00 The Jacobites** (4553145) **11.20 Off the Walls** (9371110) **11.40 The French Programme** (6399313) **12.00 House to House** (15752) **12.30pm Hullaballoo** (43023) **1.00 Slot Melthrin** (58042) **1.30 Film: Phantom of the Opera** (47884941) **3.15 Ricki Lake** (6875042) **4.00 Backdate** (771) **4.30 Fair Game** (955) **5.00 5 Pump Uned** (9597) **5.30 Fifteen to One** (435) **6.00 Newyddion** (270597) **6.15 Heno** (887232) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (192665) **7.25 Talwm Y Beirdd** (456706) **8.00 Y Felin Bop** (8481) **8.30 Newyddion** (5936) **9.00 Pris Y Farchnad** (6597) **10.00 Film: Goodfellas** (10392329) **12.35am Dispatches** (4064004) **1.25 Closa 4.00 Ysgolion** (6525337)

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12.30pm Sesame Street (r) (30706) **1.30 Hullaballoo** Followed by **Alfie Atkins** (r) (42394) **2.00 Augusta's Birthday.** Animation from Hungary (78043435)
2.05 FILM: The Dawn Patrol (1938, b/w) with Errol Flynn, Basil Rathbone, David Niven and Donald Crisp. A First World War aviation drama about daredevil pilots in the Royal Flying Corps. Directed by Edmund Goulding (Teletext) (386892)
4.00 Backdate (Teletext) (s) (771) **4.30 Fifteen to One** (Teletext) (s) (955) **5.00 Ricki Lake.**(Teletext) (s) (7742400) **5.45 Terrytoons** (711348)
6.00 Eerie Indiana. The first of a 19-part re-run of the mystery series in which Marshall Teller, played by Omri Katz, encounters time-warps, an alien explorer, a humanoid computer, a Brainalyzer and dogs that want to take over a town (r)(Teletext) (348)
6.30 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (400)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (474597)
7.50 The Slot (432955)
8.00 Broke!: Postcards from the Edge. The second part of Nick Danziger's three-stage journey meeting people at the fringes of contemporary Britain (Teletext) (s) (8481)
8.30 Home to Roost. Comedy series starring John Thaw and Reece Dinsdale (r) (Teletext) (5936)



Sara Thornton on herself (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] **Provocation.** An exploration of the tragedy of domestic violence (Teletext) (s) (6597)
10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (Teletext) (s)(270067)
10.55 Clive Anderson Talks Back — to Robin Williams. And also Sting (r) (s) (786752)
11.30 FILM: Company of Strangers (1990) with Alice Diabo, Constance Garneau and Winifred Holden. Seven elderly women rely on their wits when their coach breaks down in the Quebec countryside. Directed by Cynthia Scott (916482)
1.20am Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (1605820)
2.10 FILM: Eyes in the Night (1942, b/w) starring Edward Arnold and Ann Harding. A whodunnit about a blind detective investigating a murder and uncovering a Nazi plot. Directed by Fred Zinneman (Teletext) (4179849). Ends at **3.30**
4.00-4.45 Schools: The Mix (6525337)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (71961) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7321067) **9.20** Love Connection (1767752) **9.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8490936) **10.40** Jeopardy! (1310139) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (4084961) **12.00** Sightings (48058) **12.30pm** Murphy Brown (76329) **1.00** Hotel (91684) **2.00** Geraldo (76329) **1.00** Hotel (91684) **2.00** Geraldo (76329) **3.00** Court TV (4771) **3.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5082348) **4.15** Undun (5467058) **5.00** Quantum Leap (50231) **6.00** Space Precinct (84348) **7.00** LAPD (6752) **7.30** M*A*S*H (5665) **8.00** Through the Keyhole (5400) **8.30** Animal Practice (7435) **9.00** The Commish (14503) **10.00** Quantum Leap (17690) **11.00** Highlander (99597) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (2611917) **12.45am** Civil Wars (6110578) **1.30** Anything But Love (49066) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (7823838)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
9.30am Beyond 2000 (47619) **10.30** ABC Nightline (55348) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (18665) **2.30** Parliament Live (3488688) **3.15** Parliament Live Continued (8843706) **6.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton (10706) **7.30** Sportsline (52495) **8.30** Reuters Reports (5077) **11.30** CBS Evening News (85435) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (85356) **1.30** Tonight with Adam Boulton Replay (74511) **2.30** Reuters Reports (97068) **3.30** Parliament Replay (47563) **4.30** CBS Evening News (20288) **5.30** ABC World News Tonight (59269)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Mr Mum (1983) (59042) **8.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood** (1938) (53023) **10.00 Absent Without Leave** (1992) (70145) **12.00 Konrad** (1987) (49874) **2.00pm Harper Valley PTA** (1978) (35042) **4.00 Snoopy, Come Home** (1972) (3905) **6.00 Absent Without Leave** (1992) (98222619) **7.40 US Top Ten** (1992) (273139) **8.00 It Could Happen to You** (1994) (27023) **10.00 Wolf** (1994) (23519329) **12.05am Double Cross** (1994) (2530207) **1.35 Vanishing Son II** (1994) (1976462) **3.05 Real Men** (1987) (2240982) **4.30 It Could Happen to You** (1994) (18443)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 Monsieur Verdoux (1947) (53548690) **2.05pm It Started in Naples** (1960) (309706) **4.00 Mr Music** (1950) (8684) **6.00 The File on Thelma Jordan** (1949) (55508) **8.00 The Eiger Sanction** (1975) (54315) **10.00 Patton** (1970) (28918435) **12.50am No Way to Treat a Lady** (1968) (915453) **2.40-4.10 The Virgin Spring** (1959) (3543191)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Three Musketeers (1939) (57684) **8.00 Charles Dickens' Ghost Stories: From the Pickwick Papers** (1987) (91955) **9.00 Kidnapped** (61868) **10.00 Seasons of the Heart** (1994) (78787) **12.00 Bride of Vengeance** (1949) (47416) **2.00pm My Gun is Quick** (1957) (33684) **4.00 Big Top Pee-Wee** (1988) (8597) **6.00 Snowboard: The Jim and Jennifer Stolpa Story** (1993) (26348) **8.00 The Disappearance of Vonnie** (1994) (28619) **9.30 The Movie Show** (1994) (72503) **10.00 Puppet Master 5** (1994) (9304936) **11.25 Red Shoe Diaries No 3: Another Woman's Lipstick** (1993) (823752) **12.55am National Lampoon's Movie Madness** (1982) (217462) **2.30 Adventures of a Private Eye** (1977) (405207) **4.10 My Gun Is Quick** (1957) (711191)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Quack Attack (20888684) **6.30** Ducktales (43768313) **7.00** Quack Attack (62346435) **7.30** Rescue Rangers (62252042) **8.00** Darkwing Duck (63510313) **8.30** Wonderland (93519684) **9.00** Lamb Chop's Play-along! (93509936) **9.30** Fraggle Rock (42293042) **10.00** Muppet Babies (43759665) **10.30** Pooh Corner (93602348) **11.00** Under the Umbrella Tree (23181936) **11.30** Dumbo's Circus (23182665) **12.00** Disney (21659245) **12.55pm** FILM One of Our Dinosaurs Is Missing (77719955) **2.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (65256058) **3.00** Ducktales (26034503) **3.30** Quack Attack (65251503) **4.00** Rescue Rangers (65167110) **4.30** Darkwing Duck (65163394) **5.00** Gargoyles (26046348) **5.30** Danger Bay (65250874) **6.00** Tarzan (65257787) **6.30** Dinosaurs (65175139) **7.00** The Torkelsons (26953684) **7.30** Tall Tales and Legends (71940058) **8.30** Roger Moore (18352868) **9.30-10.00** Dinosaurs

EUROSPORT

7.30am Motors (94400) **9.00** Football (57428) **10.30** Eurobun (47400) **11.00** Formula 1 (20890) **11.30** Motorcycling Magazine (38619) **12.00** Football (56416) **1.30pm** Mountainbike (65594) **2.00** Live Tennis (969660) **5.00** Boxing (82321) **6.00** Formula 1 (9023) **6.30** Football (50348) **7.30** Live Football (81706) **9.30** Football (47961) **10.30** Tennis (28329) **11.00** Formula 1 (49771) **11.30** Sailing (98110) **12.00-12.30am** Olympic Games (61882)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (22665) **7.30** Wrestling (96868) **8.30** Racing (49688) **9.00** Aerobics (36348) **9.30** Eight Ball Pool (80023) **11.30** England v France: European Championship Super League (96936) **1.30pm** The Pavilion End (63139) **2.30** Futbol Mundial (3226) **3.00** Inside the PGA Tour (6684) **3.30** US Open (7997416) **7.00** Sports Centre (537329) **7.05** Tight Lines (458416) **8.00** US Open (8353416) **12.30am** Sports Centre (51350041) **12.35** Watersports World (1305849) **1.30-2.30** American Sports Cavalcade (29085)

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00pm The Winning Post Chepstow and Yarmouth (4507684) **9.30** Formula Three Racing (3711690) **10.00** Boots 'n' All (8962348) **11.00** Tight Lines (7828868) **12.00** Futbol Mundial (8540882) **12.30-1.00am** Formula Three Racing (1841694)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kids TV **4.30** Carman Times Two **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music **5.45** This Is Your Day **6.15** TBA **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (4458787) **7.55** As the World Turns (1383665) **8.50** Peyton Place (2454787) **9.20** Days of Our Lives (7036400) **10.10-11.00** Another World

SKY TRAVEL

11.00am Globetrotter (4685400) **11.30** Sports Vacations (4776329) **12.00** Jerusalem Mix (4575400) **12.30pm** Pierre Franey (3635226) **1.00** Getaway (7914619) **1.30** On Top of the World (3634587) **2.00** Ben Crapp (8309969) **3.00** Globetrotter (4987706) **3.30** Around the World (9058110) **3.55-4.00** Holiday Shop



George C. Scott as General Patton (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Our Century (4686752) **5.00** Memories of 1975 (4686058) **6.00-7.00** Biography Valentino (3716145)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The Six Million Dollar Man (2924172) **2.00-4.00** FILM Frankenstein and the Monster from Hell (9938240)

TLC

9.00am Painting (6010394) **9.30** Grow Your Greens (1054226) **10.00** Dogs with Dunbar (2353400) **10.30** Steve and Norm (6112706) **11.00** Homemaker (8761752) **11.30** Room Service (8762481) **12.00** Julia Child (6103058) **12.30pm** Frugal Gourmet (1058042) **1.00** Ian Cox Cook (5375023) **1.30** Furniture to Go (1057313) **2.00** Our House (7095110) **2.30** The Garden Show (6066690) **3.00** It's a Vet's Life (7187145) **3.30-4.00** This Old House (6078435)

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (5378110) **7.30** Neighbours (5460145) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (6102329) **8.30** EastEnders (6021400) **9.00** The Bill (6012752) **9.30** The Sullivans (1056684) **10.00** All Creatures Great and Small (5466329) **11.00** Bullseye (8763110) **11.30** Grobeirch (7978042) **12.05** Sons and Daughters (44245752) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1050400) **1.00** EastEnders (8140503) **1.35** Hi-De-Hi (4302752) **2.15** Brush Strokes (1860608) **2.50** Butterflies (1353706) **3.30** The Bill (6974665) **4.00** Casualty (8850880) **5.00** Every Second Counts (5445936) **5.45** 'Allo 'Allo! (3988139) **6.25** EastEnders (1696619) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9818936) **8.00** Bullseye (7180232) **8.30** Home James (7003139) **9.00** Miss Marple: The Moving Finger (9910348) **10.00** The Bill (4466955) **10.35** Bottom (7169597) **11.10** The Sweeney (9972936) **12.15am** Classic Sport (3450795) **1.10** Puleski (6523627) **2.00-3.00** Shopping at Night (3412733)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (43400) **6.30** The Girl from Tomorrow (44619) **7.00** Ready or Not (75077) **7.30** California Dreams (81684) **8.00** Byker Grove (77665) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (76936) **9.00** Inspector Gadget (63416) **9.30** Bobby's World (92085) **10.00** Battletech (55771) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (88400) **11.00** Stunt Dawgs (73752) **11.30** Baby Follies (74481) **12.00** Tiny TCC (955042) **3.00pm** Inspector Gadget (6662) **3.30** The New Pink Panther Show (23239) **4.00** California Dreams (8936) **4.30-5.00** Byker Grove (5508)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Dungeons and Dragons (99416) **6.30** Galaxy High (94348) **7.00** Mr Men (8838937) **7.15** Rocko's Modern Life (1500913) **7.30** Rugrats (32042) **8.00** Doug (48139) **8.30** Aashh!! Real Monsters (30110) **9.00** Biker Mice from Mars (27680) **9.30** The Littlest Petshop (68481) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (5015888) **10.10** Babar (1358874) **10.35** Jambo and the Jetset (8906994) **10.40** Skyark (2702435) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (2701706) **10.50** Bananas in Pyjamas (2619771) **11.00** Children's BBC (14690) **12.00** Magic School Bus (8428313) **12.25pm** Mr Men (7429481) **12.30** Grammy (79597) **1.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (43087139) **1.25** Mr Men (29389752) **1.30** Rude Dog (78868) **2.00** Littlest Pet Shop (8619) **2.30** Children's BBC (48503) **3.30** Biker Mice from Mars (6313) **4.00** The Ferals (8348) **4.30** Rugrats (1312936) **4.45** Doug (1413619) **5.00** Sister Sister (9771) **5.30** Clarissa (5684) **6.00** Alex Mack (2597) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark ? (9077)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Time Travellers (6984042) **4.30** Human/Nature (6880226) **5.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (7182680) **5.30** Pirates (6077706) **6.00** Science Detectives (6074619) **6.30** Beyond 2000 (4180110) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (6981955) **8.00** The Professionals (9825226) **9.00** Top Marques (8854416) **9.30** Disaster (1141706) **10.00** The Falklands War (9911077) **11.00-12.00** Atlantis (5386400)

BRAVO

12.00 Robin Hood (6027684) **12.30pm** William Tell (1052888) **1.00** Thirtysomething (1040023) **2.00** Department S (2358855) **3.00** The Saint (8760023) **4.00** FILM Witness for the Prosecution (7185787) **6.00** The Green Hornet (6061145) **6.30** Department S (4184936) **7.30** Danger Man (6978481) **8.00** Land of the Giants (9812752) **9.00** Twin Peaks (9805416) **10.00-12.00** FILM. The Entity (8769394)

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7.00pm Different Strokes (2435) **7.30** Entertainment (8961) **8.00** Due South (61435) **9.00** Laverne and Shirley (40400) **9.30** Taxi (55961) **10.00** Entertainment (42955) **10.30** The Critic (24503) **11.00** Dr Katz (25145) **11.30** Project Alice (25023) **12.30am** Wings (87578) **1.00** Due South (59066) **2.00** Entertainment (87337) **2.30** The Critic (59172) **3.00** Dr Katz (56882) **3.30-4.00** Rocky and Bullwinkle (80424)

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (3024787) **7.00** Esther (2240618) **7.30** Young and Restless (9345110) **8.20** Gladrags and Glamour (4001145) **8.30** Mr Smith's Favourite Garden (5097810) **9.00** Madhur Jaffrey (9872923) **9.35** Kate and Allie (7905313) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (2438771) **10.05** Jerry Springer (5925936) **11.00** Young and Restless (2688955) **11.55** Brookside (8796584) **12.30pm** Gabrielle (1865874) **1.20** Catchword (7596042) **2.00** Agony Hour (1498394) **3.00** Live at Three (6424503) **4.00** Infatuation UK (7444139) **4.30** Crossways (8561145) **5.05** Lingo (53975665) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7520503) **6.00** Bewitched (7527416) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (7445868) **7.00** Brookside (2454145) **7.35** Joker's Wild (5847961) **8.00** Cagney and Lacey (1283936) **9.00** Alex: Who Will Love My Children? (67057961) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (9099936) **11.00-12.00** The Sex Files II (2153139)

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MTV

7.30am MTV Special (83042) **8.00** Cinematic (220668

Martin's slow-motion finish dashes Yorkshire's cup hopes

Lancashire have the final say

By Michael Henderson

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Yorkshire by one wicket

SINCE the first Gillette Cup tie was played at Old Trafford in 1963, Lancashire have been involved in more remarkable one-day games than any other side. The list of extraordinary finishes has now expanded by one.

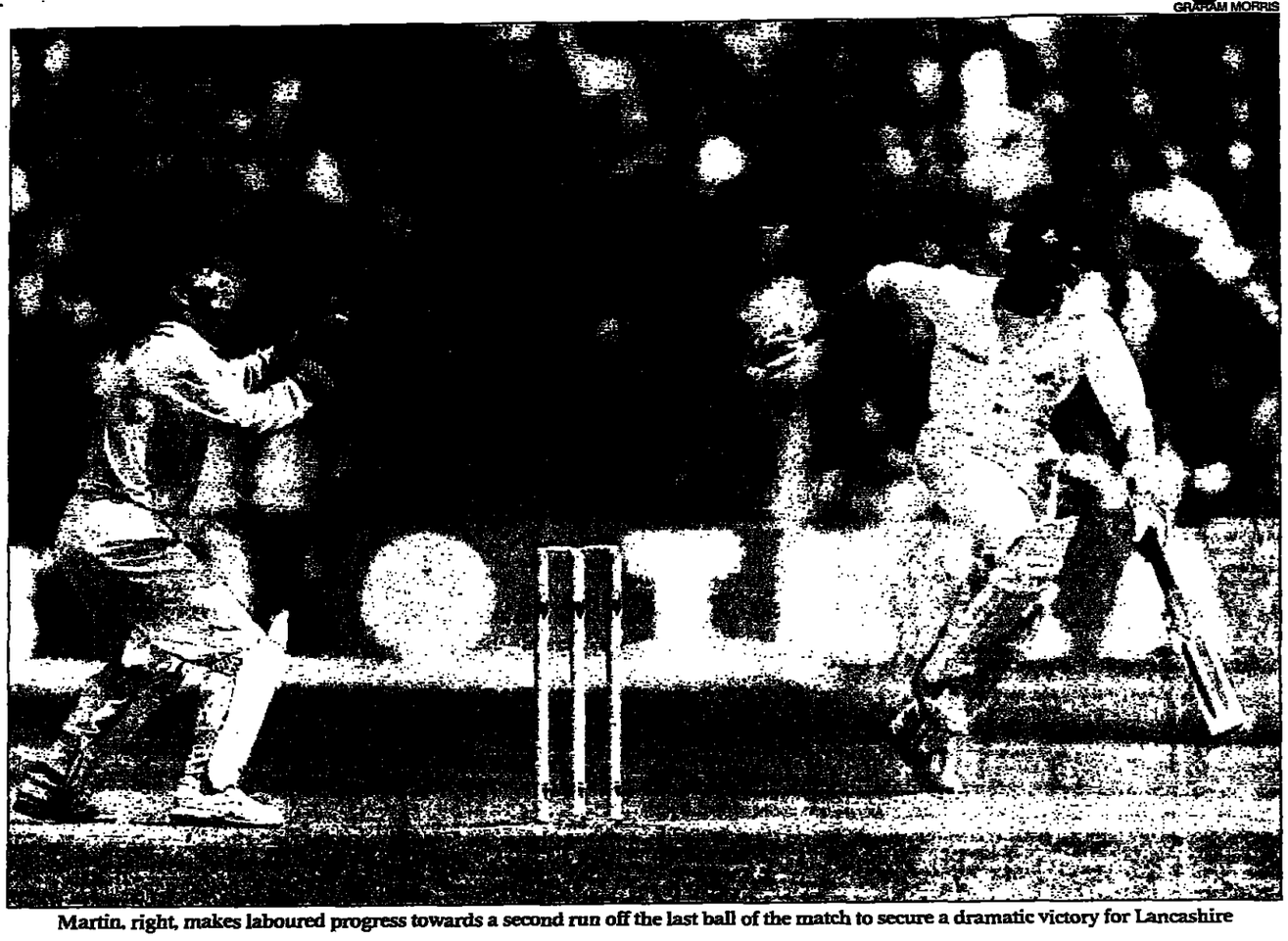
They beat Yorkshire by a single wicket off the last ball of this Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final when Peter Martin squeezed the ball to the cover boundary and, despite looking as though he was running into a gale, completed a second, decisive run.

There was a symmetry of sorts in that closing passage of play. Martin, a Lancastrian, grew up in Yorkshire. Vaughan, the fielder whose throw could not prevent him winning the match, is a Yorkshireman who was born in Lancashire.

It was a wonderful game, and Yorkshire played their part nobly. In Bevan they have a champion batsman who played quite superbly on the first day, when the conditions were at their worst. Gough bowled with fire and skill, and a tally of four run outs testifies to the quality of their fielding. They did everything they could have done to win the match, except actually win it. No wonder they felt robbed.

The chief highwayman was Warren Hegg, the 28-year-old Lancashire wickekeeper, who made 81 from 62 balls. Hegg played an important innings when Lancashire won a Benson and Hedges semi-final at Worcester in equally improbable circumstances last year, and it was his fierce hitting in the last ten overs that enabled the holders to reach their fifth final of this competition in the past seven seasons.

GRAHAM MORRIS



Martin, right, makes laboured progress towards a second run off the last ball of the match to secure a dramatic victory for Lancashire

With seven overs to go, Lancashire needed 74. Gough had returned to good effect, taking Austin's wicket, and Stemp had one more over to bowl. Hegg and Yates decided to get after the left-arm spinner and hit him for 18, including a straight six by Yates and another by Hegg, who was on 42 at the time, that Moxon caught at long-off before he tumbled over the boundary rope.

That was a defining moment. After Hegg spooned White high over long-off and crashed a full toss over the extra cover boundary in the same bowler's next over, Lancashire needed 11 off 13 balls. Hegg departed at once but he had played his hand magnificently. Would his team's nerve hold?

Lancashire took three runs from the penultimate over, bowled by Gough, and lost Yates to McGrath's throw from third man. Lancashire needed eight runs from the last over, Yorkshire one wicket. White, whose previous two overs had cost 30, bowled it.

Chapple, the Yorkshireman in Lancashire's side, immediately found the cover boundary with a classical stroke. A wide off the third ball, and a single behind square, meant that Martin had three balls to score two runs. He swished at the first two without making contact and got enough bat on the last one to make Vaughan run 30 yards to his left from his position at deep cover. Chapple made two comfortably but Martin, who is not exactly Valeri Borzov, ambled them as if in slow motion.

Hegg, who won the man-of-the-match award ahead of Bevan, denied that Lancashire had ever given the game up as lost but admitted that "it's always in the back of your mind when you're losing wickets".

Atherton had gone to a smart slip catch in Gough's first over. Watkinson to Bevan's direct hit from gully and Elworthy to a catch at square leg — all inside the first 15 overs. After Speak and Lloyd went, they needed 154 at seven an over. Fairbrother was never able to attack and his departure, to White's left-footed "shot" at the stumps, left Lancashire 90 short and only ten overs to get them.

They got them . . . just! How galling that was for Bevan and Blakey, who took their sixth-wicket stand to an unbeaten 167, a competition record, in the four overs Yorkshire had left in the morning. They played superbly in a losing cause and their only possible consolation is that, on this ground, they are not the first to do so and will certainly not be the last.

Walton's aim is true, page 43

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

YORKSHIRE

* D Byas c Hegg b Martin	22
M D Moxon c Atherton b Watkinson	25
M P Vaughan c Atherton b Chapple	15
M G Bevan not out	95
A McGrath c Hegg b Elworthy	0
C White c Hegg b Watkinson	4
† R J Blakey not out	80
Extras (lb 6, w 3)	9
Total (5 wkts, 50 overs)	250

Score at 15 Overs: 47-1

D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-68, 3-77, 4-78, 5-83

BOWLING: Austin 10-0-54-0; Martin 10-0-62-1; Chapple 10-0-46-1; Elworthy 10-0-52-1; Watkinson 10-1-30-2.

LANCASHIRE

M A Atherton c Byas b Gough	0
* M Watkinson run out	6
N J Speak run out	34
S Elworthy c Gough b Silverwood	12
N H Fairbrother run out	99
G D Lloyd c Blakey b Silverwood	9
† W K Hegg b White	81
I D Austin c and b Gough	5
G Yates run out	26
G Chapple not out	6
P J Martin not out	2
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 6)	11
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs)	251

Score at 15 Overs: 48-3

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-21, 3-36, 4-79, 5-97, 6-161, 7-174, 8-240, 9-243

BOWLING: Gough 10-1-39-2; Silverwood 10-2-40-2; Hartley 10-1-47-0; White 10-1-74-1; Stemp 10-0-47-0.

Gold Award: W K Hegg.

Umpires: D J Constant and K E Palmer

Spencer may be missing link in Scotland's quest for goals

By Kevin McCarra and Oliver Holt

JOHN SPENCER is likely to feature in the Scotland team to face England in the European championship at Wembley on Saturday, as Craig Brown, the manager, seeks a cure for goal deficiency. In 1996 his team has played three friendlies as well as Monday's draw with Holland and scored only once. Brown recognises that he cannot continue to rely on his defence to gather points.

Against the Dutch, Spencer, the Chelsea forward, appeared as a substitute for Booth at half-time. While he could not galavanise his side in attack, he did look capable of taking possession on the fringes of the penalty area and playing probing passes. The deep-lying role is one in which he has become well-versed at Stamford Bridge.

Despite the effectiveness of McAllister and Collins in midfield, Scotland still lack the capacity to play the final ball that sets a forward free. Spencer, as Durie's partner in attack, might be capable of adding that necessary link.

The Chelsea forward has never scored for Scotland, but Brown is unperturbed, recognising that Spencer can justify selection with play-making skills. Spencer said: "I might be worried if I was approaching the game without having scored at all, but I got 14 goals in 31 starts for Chelsea in the Premiership last season."

Spencer notes, in any case, that international sides are rarely prolific. "So far," he said, "we have only seen two teams, Germany and Italy, who have been able to score twice in a match."

He articulates the passionate desire for even a slender victory on Saturday. Spencer observed that England are "under pressure, big-time" before adding, "they are so arrogant, they still think they are the best in the world." Brown, on the other hand, offered a ringing endorsement of the much-criticised Paul Gascoigne. "He has the strength to commit midfield players and defenders," he said, "and he has tremendous vision.

"I think the claims that he is not fit for 90 minutes are inaccurate. He is widely considered the best player in the England squad and he is certainly the most talented. Most of the countries in the European championship would be glad to have him."

Brown, however, added that watching Gascoigne's whole season with Rangers had helped him decide how best to stop him. The Scotland manager may be more concerned by the likely attitude of the England side on Saturday. "Terry Venables [the England coach]," he said, "will use all the criticism to motivate his team. They will be highly-charged."

One of Venables's chances of changing the side that failed to impress in the 1-1 draw with Switzerland seemed to have disappeared yesterday when it was revealed that David Platt had aggravated an injury in training on Tuesday.

Platt, the designated England captain, came on as substitute against the Swiss and would probably have been restored to the starting line-up as part of Venables's preferred five-man midfield. Tony Adams, who was captain in his absence, could have been the player to drop out.

Platt, however, took no part in the morning training session yesterday, which was held behind closed doors. The injury is thought to be a muscle pull near his ribs and team officials were pessimistic about his chances of being fit for the game with Scotland.

Darren Anderton also sat out training with a slight hamstring problem but he is likely to be fit and to retain his place, although Steve Stone is pushing both him and Steve McManaman for a place in the starting line-up.

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Cotton starts with a roar for Lions



Cotton: former Lions player, now manager

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

FRAN COTTON has called on British rugby to give the British Isles and Ireland touring team to South Africa next year every support in its preparations. "The prize to be won by beating South Africa is worth more to northern-hemisphere rugby than any league trophy or cup final," he said in London yesterday.

Cotton, 48, the former Sale and England prop, was confirmed yeesterday as tour manager of the Lions ahead of Bill Beaumont, his former England colleague, and Duncan Paterson, of Scotland. It is a shrewd selection of a man who played 31 times for his country — and was, arguably, the best player in his position that England has produced. He made three Lions tours, in 1974, 1977 and 1980.

But Cotton, forced to retire through ill-health in 1981, has stayed in touch with the modern game, in commercial and playing terms. His company, Cotton Traders, has clothed a number of national teams and he has coached, selected and managed club and divisional teams.

His nomination came from Ireland whose president, Syd Millar, coached the 1974 Lions (the first, and only British team to win a series in South Africa) and managed the 1980 Lions in the republic. Millar knows Cotton's respect for rugby's traditions, even though the 13-match tour, which begins on May 24 next year and includes three internationals, will be the first of the professional Lions.

"We are incredibly parochial in Britain," Cotton said. "At some stage the five nations will start talking about more positive things than TV deals — about the structure of the game in Europe, for example."

Cotton is concerned that projected playing schedules of more than 40 club matches next season, on top of representative games, will leave potential Lions exhausted: "People have to realise how tough it will be and the standing a Lions tour has in the game," he said.

Measure of support for moderation

Which affects a footballer's performance most — beer or wine? **John Goodbody** on the medical evidence

Medical and nutritional experts yesterday supported Terry Venables's decision to allow the England team to drink moderately after the match against Switzerland on Saturday.

As the furore continued over whether professional athletes should relax with alcohol during an important tournament, it was argued that moderate amounts of weak beer were better for rehydrating players than wine, which is regularly drunk by Italian and Spanish teams with their meals.

Venables, the England coach, said of the three players — Teddy Sheringham, Jamie Redknapp and Sol Campbell — who had been drinking in a disco in Ilford on Saturday night: "If they are going to relax, let them relax, as long as they haven't upset anybody, which they haven't. I can't see the point of saying you can have a night off but you must stay in your house." Venables pointed out that some continental players drank wine every day, but that England had a strict no-drinking rule when they were together in the team hotel.

Ron Maugham, professor of human physiology at Aberdeen University medical school, said: "I have a great deal of sympathy with Terry Venables. The harmful effects of alcohol, *in moderation, to an athlete's performance do not* exist in a situation when the next game is a week away. In fact, a total prohibition would be more harmful. It would disrupt a player's lifestyle and encourage them to be dishonest by drinking without being seen."

Professor Maugham, who is advising the Great Britain Olympic team in its preparation for Atlanta, said that he had done tests on the effects of beers, like bitter and ordinary lager. "Beer is not a diuretic and can help the rehydration process," he said. "I would not be unhappy with the players having a couple of beers." In sports in which one could measure performances, such as athletics, there was "no evidence" that teetotallers performed better than heavy drinkers. The important thing for any player after a match was to rehydrate and also replace glycogen stores with food.

Professor Maugham also said that footballers are under enormous pressure 11 months of the year. "Some of the players will be finishing the European championship and then be back at their club for pre-season training a couple of weeks later," he said.

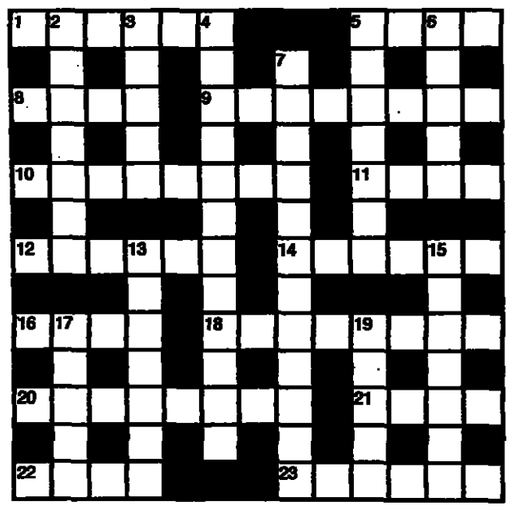
His views were supported by Dr Steve Wootton, of Southampton University, the author of *Nutrition for Sport*. He said that most beers were better than wine, which is more likely to have a diuretic effect and usually has a higher alcohol content. Most beers have an alcohol content of 3 to 5 per cent, while wine is usually 10 to 12 per cent.

He said: "The important thing is moderation. If the players had been training the following day and had been drinking a large amount the night before that session, then the effects of the alcohol would have persisted. It would have impaired their reaction times and greatly increased the risk of injury."

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12 Very fast *(mus.)* (6)
14 Shrewish woman (6)
16 Burglar's loot (4)
18 Obvious; ship's document (8)
20 Ordered series (8)
21 Shivering fit (4)
22 Slide out of control (4)
23 Tiny picture-case on chain (6)

DOWN

2 Shelter (7)
3 Heraldic black (5)
4 A transfer to different work (12)
5 One keeping balls in the air (7)
6 Syringa: a light purple (5)
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China sees off Greenpeace protesters

FROM FIONA HOLLAND
ON BOARD
MV GREENPEACE

CHINESE border forces forced Greenpeace out of Chinese waters yesterday when they took control of *MV Greenpeace* after it had sailed six miles into the exclusion zone.

The long awaited finale of Greenpeace's anti-nuclear protest against China ended yesterday 55 miles from the port of Shanghai when their ship was boarded by Communist officials. This was Greenpeace's first maritime campaign in China and would be their last against nuclear testing worldwide, according to Thilo Bode, its executive director. This is based on the assumption that negotiators in Geneva will agree on a global test ban by June 28.

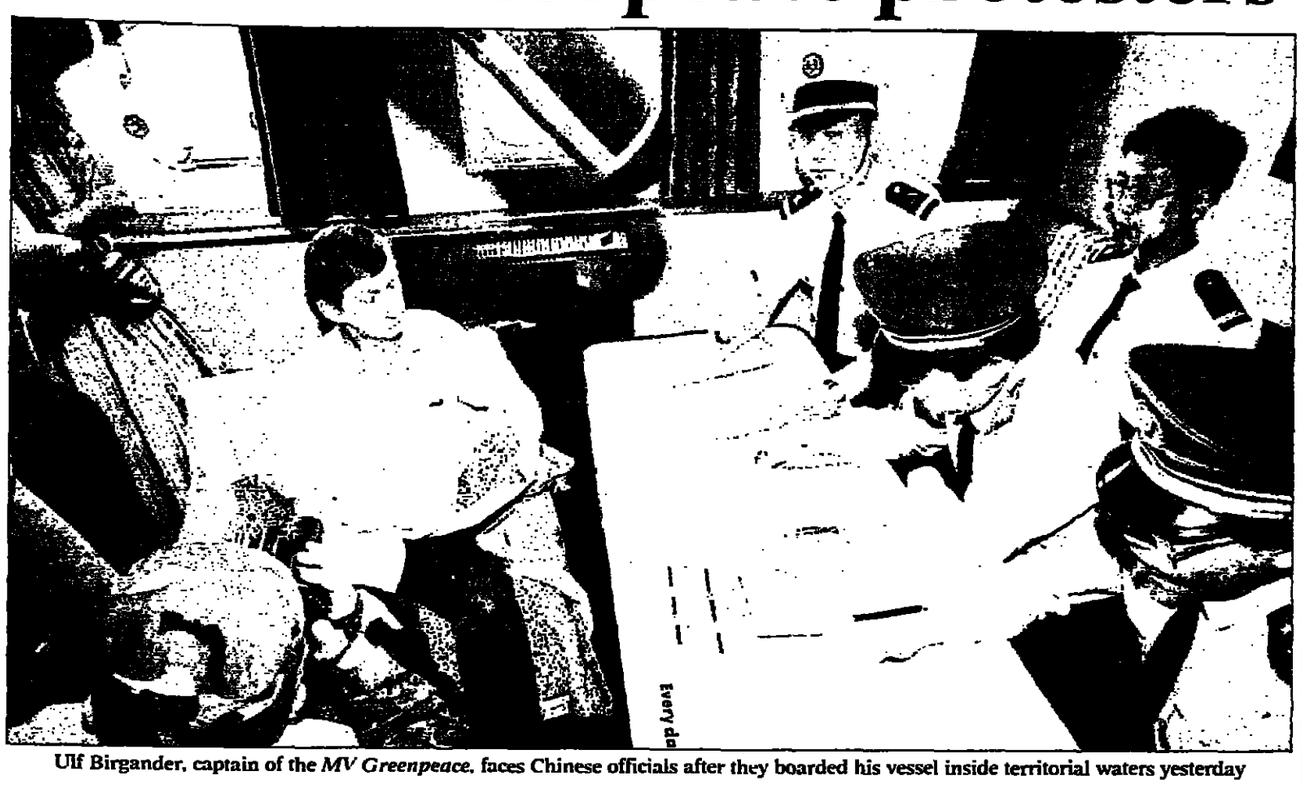
Two Chinese Navy gunboats and six coastguard vessels blockaded Greenpeace's converted tugboat, which dropped anchor yesterday at noon inside Chinese waters, after a request for a pilot was refused.

The 32 crew, campaigners, press and observers watched as two coastguard vessels rapidly swept alongside the *MV Greenpeace* and 40 military and 30 Shanghai port officials, armed only with cameras and videos, swarmed aboard.

Uniformed officials from the Shanghai Harbour Superintendency Administration and military from the Shanghai Frontier Defence Station, muscled their way into the captain's office to read a prepared statement translated into English.

A statement signed by Superintendent Wang Zhiyi said: "In view of the fact that your act is a violation of the law and regulations of China, I now order your vessel to leave waters under the jurisdiction of Shanghai harbour without any delay."

As the *MV Greenpeace* sailed out of Chinese waters and headed for Hong Kong, the Chinese authorities radioed a final message: "Keep out of our territorial waters, watch out for fishing gear, and bon voyage."



Ulf Birgander, captain of the *MV Greenpeace*, faces Chinese officials after they boarded his vessel inside territorial waters yesterday

Rao underpins coalition to end turmoil in Delhi

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

THE Government of H.D. Deve Gowda, India's new Prime Minister, yesterday won a vote of confidence in parliament, ending six weeks of political turmoil.

The 13-party United Front coalition which Mr Gowda heads survived thanks to the support of about 140 MPs from the Congress Party.

Speaking at the end of a two-day debate on the confidence vote, which was broadcast live on television, Mr Gowda said that the mandate of the people was for a coalition and he was confident that his Government would survive its full five-year term.

Congress, he insisted, had made no preconditions for its support. The centre-left coalition has 190 MPs, while the opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party has 195. A short-lived BJP government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee resigned on May 28 when it became clear it could not muster enough support to win a confidence vote.

Referring to criticism that he was not conversant with the national language, Hindi, and was a state politician rather than a national leader, Mr Gowda said he was a farmer's son and his priority was not building a temple but meeting the basic necessities of the people, such as drinking water, communications, women's education, health care and housing.

P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Congress leader and former Prime Minister, said that defending India's secular principles against the BJP, which exploited religious sentiment, was a unifying factor with the Government.

Mr Vajpayee said the mandate of the people had been negated by Congress's support for the coalition. The Government would have to soft-pedal on corruption cases against the Congress leaders if it wanted to survive, he added.

Although Mr Gowda has won this first trial of strength, concerns persist over the long-term survival of his coalition. On Tuesday the Central Bureau of Investigation filed a preliminary report against Mr Rao and several of his former ministerial colleagues, alleging that they were party to a criminal conspiracy to bribe four MPs from a regional party in Bihar.

Australian helicopter crash kills 17 troops

BY ROGER MAYNARD
IN SYDNEY
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SEVENTEEN Australian soldiers were killed last night and 11 were injured after two army helicopters crashed during a night-time training exercise over the northern Queensland coast.

The American Sikorsky Black Hawk helicopters collided and burst into flames during anti-terrorist manoeuvres over hills 43 miles northwest of Townsville, which has one of Australia's largest military bases.

Most of the casualties were from Australia's SAS unit, which is modelled on Britain's Special Air Service. They were believed to have been practising counter-terrorism techniques, including the rescue of hostages, for their role in the 2000 Olympics, which are to be held in Sydney.

Each helicopter was carrying ten soldiers and four aircrew. Army helicopters transferred the injured to hospital in Townsville.

The crash happened as men from the Perth-based force abseiled out of the helicopters from a height of 115ft. The collision, which occurred in the early evening in fine weather, appeared to be the result of pilot error.

Brigadier Adrian D'Hage, an army spokesman, said that the two helicopters got too close. "They collided mid-air and both helicopters burst into flames. We understand there were six dead on impact."

The police said that two of the injured were critically ill and one was seriously ill. The rest were in a satisfactory condition.

Defence chiefs ordered an inquiry; the incident was one of Australia's worst peacetime military disasters.

Members of the Australian SAS usually operate in patrols of six. They are trained in free-fall parachuting and amphibious and submarine-based operations. They often train with live ammunition.

Bronwyn Bishop, the Minister for Defence Personnel, promised a rigorous inquiry. "It is dreadful," she said. "You can replace helicopters but you cannot replace the lives of fine young soldiers."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi bar on arms team criticised

London: Britain and the United States criticised Iraq's refusal to allow United Nations weapons inspectors into a Republican Guard site and said the action would harden international determination to maintain sanctions (Michael Binyon writes).

Washington said Iraq's refusal to comply with its obligations ensured that it would be a "long, long time" before America voted to lift sanctions; the Foreign Office called on the Security Council to respond quickly and firmly.

Dhaka votes

Dhaka: Bangladeshis voted in large numbers in the second general election in four months, but it was marred by violence in which at least three people were killed. A turnout of 70 per cent is expected. *(Reuter)*

Pakistani deaths

Hyderabad: At least 21 people died and 25 were injured when a building housing 150 people collapsed in this southern Pakistani city. Most of the victims were women and children; most men were sleeping in the street because of the heat. *(Reuter)*

Sweet and sour

Shanghai: A Canton court fined a company 100 million yuan (£8.3 million) and jailed an official for smuggling 325,000 tonnes of sugar — China's worst case of smuggling since the Communists took power in 1949. *(AFP)*

Bahrain arrests

Manama, Bahrain: A businessman and seven accomplices have been arrested for allegedly smuggling arms in an Iranian plot to topple Bahrain's ruling family, the Government-controlled *Gulf Daily News* reported. *(AP)*

Jump start

Sydney: Elders of an Outback Aboriginal community in New South Wales are seeking government permission to set up a high-fenced ranch to breed kangaroos for meat to sell on the world market. *(AP)*



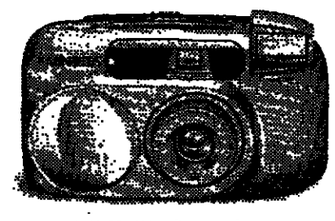
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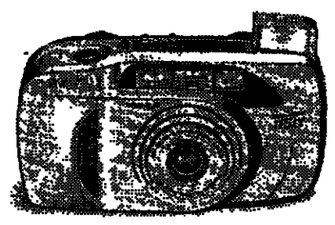
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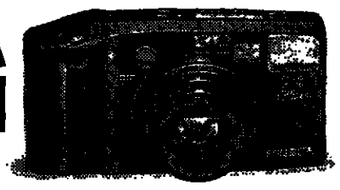
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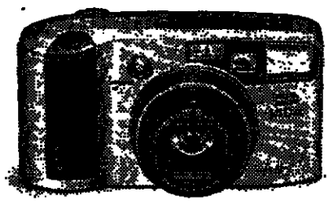
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FBI files scandal engulfs Clinton

BY TOM RHODES

THE steady drip of scandal continued to filter through the Clinton presidency yesterday after it was disclosed that the White House specifically requested a fraud specialist to obtain improperly 338 confidential FBI files on senior Republicans.

Anthony Marceca, an army civilian investigator, was assigned to the White House personnel office between August 1993 and February 1994 where he proceeded to demand FBI dossiers on those who had worked for both the Reagan and Bush offices.

These included background checks on James Baker, the former Secretary of State, Marlin Fitzwater, the former White House spokesman, and Tony Blankley, a senior Reagan official who is now press secretary to Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker.

Described by Bob Dole, the Republican presidential nominee, as a list of enemies, "Filegate" is provoking immediate comparison to the shady antics of President Nixon during Watergate.

The demand for files emerged last week after Republicans on Capitol Hill revealed the White House had sought details on Billy Dale, the director of its Travel Office, seven months after he was dismissed. It later became clear that Mr Dale was just one of 338 people involved in the investigation and the White House, which has changed its story at least five times since, said its officials had made an "honest, bureaucratic mistake".

The Administration failed yesterday, however, to explain why Mr Marceca had been seconded to the White House. For the last eight years, he has worked at the Washington Metropolitan Fraud Field Office, where he is said to have specialised in discovering unsavoury details about those in the army.

Thurmond win crowns career as eldest US statesman

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

STROM THURMOND, the idiosyncratic eldest statesman of American politics, demolished any Republican opposition to his eighth term on Capitol Hill yesterday and firmly set his sights on becoming the first centenarian to hold a seat in Congress.

Born 37 years after the Civil War and elected Governor of South Carolina when President Clinton was still in nappies, Mr Thurmond, 93, easily defeated his rival, Harold Worley, in the state's Republican primary for the Senate.

In the Virginia primary, John Warner, a senator and former husband of Elizabeth Taylor, routed Jim Miller, Ronald Reagan's former budget director, in a victory seen as a vindication of moderate Republican values.

The South Carolina result is likely to send shockwaves through a Democratic Party which had assumed that Mr Thurmond's age would tell against him. After gaining at least 65 per cent of the vote he said: "The voters have sent me a message that it is my experience and ability to represent the people of South Carolina that truly counts."

Mr Thurmond became the oldest member yet to serve in Congress earlier this year and, if he succeeds in November against Elliott Close, the Democratic candidate, he will assume the mantle of America's longest-serving senator.

Many in Washington had said he was out of touch and had long ago lost his political acumen. Some Republicans believed he would be vulnerable in the November election after a poll taken last December showed 59 per cent of South Carolina voters believed he should retire.

Mr Worley spent $600,000 (£390,000) on television advertising in the final stages of the campaign to emphasise the age of his opponent, including one which questioned whether voters would let a 93-year-old surgeon operate on them.

For years Mr Thurmond's constituents have heard stories about his health habits, his orange hair implants and, most famously, his penchant for marrying beauty queens. The first was young enough to be his daughter, the second was 44 years his junior.

The four Thurmond children were born when the senator was aged between 69 and 74. He never drinks or smokes, swims at least once a week, dismisses past fainting spells and staunchly refuses to wear his hearing aid.

These quirks helped to shape the legend of a man who has been both a Democrat and a Republican, a fierce segregationist who became the first southern senator to employ black staff.

In the Virginia primary, Mr Warner beat his opponent by a ratio of nearly two votes to one in a result that appeared to undermine the more radical conservative wing of the Republican party.

☐ **Dole successor:** Trent Lott, 54, of Mississippi, a staunch conservative, was elected Senate majority leader to succeed Bob Dole yesterday.



Thurmond: "Ability and experience that counts"



Najee Mtume, a Black Panther, inspects the New Light House of Prayer church in Greenville, Texas, which was destroyed by arsonists on Sunday. President Clinton has pledged to stop attacks on black American churches

Schoolgirls put courts to test in legal battle for top of the class

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TWO New York schoolgirls went to court in a dispute over which of them was top of the class. The teenage squabble reached the highest court in the state, involving lawyers, appeals, recriminations and substantial legal fees.

In an extreme example of American litigation lunacy, Paige Goodman, 18, took up legal cudgels against her classmate, Lisa Camilleri. Last autumn Miss Camilleri was summoned to see the headmaster, Harris Sarney, and told that, on account of her excellent marks over six terms, she would be the graduating year's "valedictorian", the honorific bestowed on the top of the class.

During the Christmas term, however, Miss Camilleri rested on her laurels. Her academic performance was surpassed by the feisty Miss Goodman, who by April had a grade point average (a measure of her work in all subjects) of 95.67. Miss Camilleri's average was a sliver lower, at 95.62. Mr Sarney called in both girls and told them that Miss Goodman would now be valedictorian.

After time for reflection, Miss Camilleri and her parents protested, arguing that Mr Sarney had changed the normal rules for these issues. They received support from a stalwart of the parent-teacher association. Mr Sarney, his study fast losing its air of scholarly calm, duly announced that the girls should be co-valedictorians.

The Goodman camp, on hearing this, decided to sue.

On Monday the New York Supreme Court found in favour of Miss Goodman, who expressed satisfaction. Tuesday found her less happy, after an appeal from the New York schools chancellor and the board of education. The appeals judge ruled that the girls should both receive valedictorian medals. "I feel like I've been slapped in the face," said a distressed Miss Goodman, whose parents spent more than $3,000 (£1,900) on lawyers.

When the medals were awarded in front of 600 pupils on Tuesday there was partisan applause for the two girls, although neutrals said that support for the shy, bookish Miss Camilleri was louder.

The girls themselves, who have both secured good university places, have yet to decide on careers but Miss Goodman, in particular, may have the makings of a first-class lawyer.

Ecstatic President plays the round of his life

BY TOM RHODES

DWIGHT EISENHOWER and John Kennedy were crazy about the game. Richard Nixon became good through sheer determination and Woodrow Wilson played up to six times a week.

By comparison, President Clinton's golf is merely run of the mill. However, his ability to find a course at any time of the day or night and to avoid even the most urgent international incidents on the links finally paid off this week when he shot an admirable five-over-par 79 at the Coronado Island municipal golf course outside San Diego.

"I was hot. I was smoking 'em. I was having a good time," said the President, who had achieved his long-held ambition of breaking 80 before his fiftieth birthday. He added: "Even a blind pig finds an acorn sometimes."

Those travelling with him on board Air Force One said Mr Clinton was bouncing off the bulkhead as he bragged about the game in which he had one double bogey, five bogeys and 12 pars. The eighteenth hole must have been a birdie, but the President is notoriously unreliable when it comes to scoring and has been known in the past to take regular mulligans without informing his opponents.

This time, however, he said the round had been completed with "no freebies, no second drives, no nothin".

His fierce love of golf may provide a clue to Mr Clinton's future should he lose the November election. Asked this year what the First Family might consider in the afterlife, Hillary Clinton replied that she would like to become an author. "As for Bill, there's so many things he could do. But I think if he had his choice, he'd join the senior golf tour. He loves the game," she replied without a twinkle.



Clinton: "blind pig who found his acorn"

Judges bar policing of Internet

Washington: A special panel of American judges yesterday made a ground-breaking ruling to obstruct as unconstitutional President Clinton's attempts to police the Internet and prohibit indecency on computer networks (Tom Rhodes writes).

The three judges issued a preliminary injunction blocking parts of the Communications Decency Act which prohibit any computerised distribution to minors of offensive and indecent material. Signed by Mr Clinton earlier this year, the Bill had been challenged by civil liberties groups and the computer online industry. In passing opinion on a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups, Judge Stewart Dalzell said the Internet should be regarded as an endless worlwide conversation. "The Government may not interrupt that conversation."

New York mobsters rounded up

BY QUENTIN LETTS

NINETEEN members of America's most feared Mafia family, the Genoveses, have been charged with racketeering, murder, loan-sharking and the manipulation of a historic religious festival.

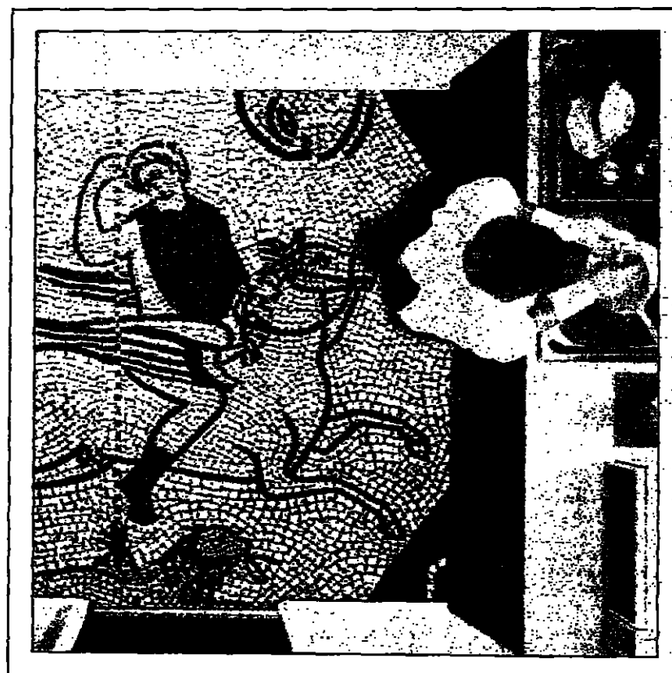
Federal prosecutors arrested Genovese leaders, *consiglieres* (counsellors) and assorted sidekicks, including Anthony "Tony Waterguns" Pisapia; Nicholas "Nicky the Blond" Frustaci; and James "Little Jimmy" Ida.

Mary Jo White, the US attorney for southern New York, said: "The Genovese family is large, it is lucrative, it is violent and it preys upon legitimate businesses, labour unions and the public."

The family, based in New York's Little Italy, allegedly ran the annual San Gennaro religious festival for its own benefit.

"One of the most celebrated events of the feast is the pinning of money on the statue of San Gennaro through the streets of Little Italy," said Ms White. "But that money lined the pockets of the defendants."

James Kallstrom, the head of the FBI in New York, said: "They used the façade of a religious festival to mask the object of their true devotion — the almighty dollar."

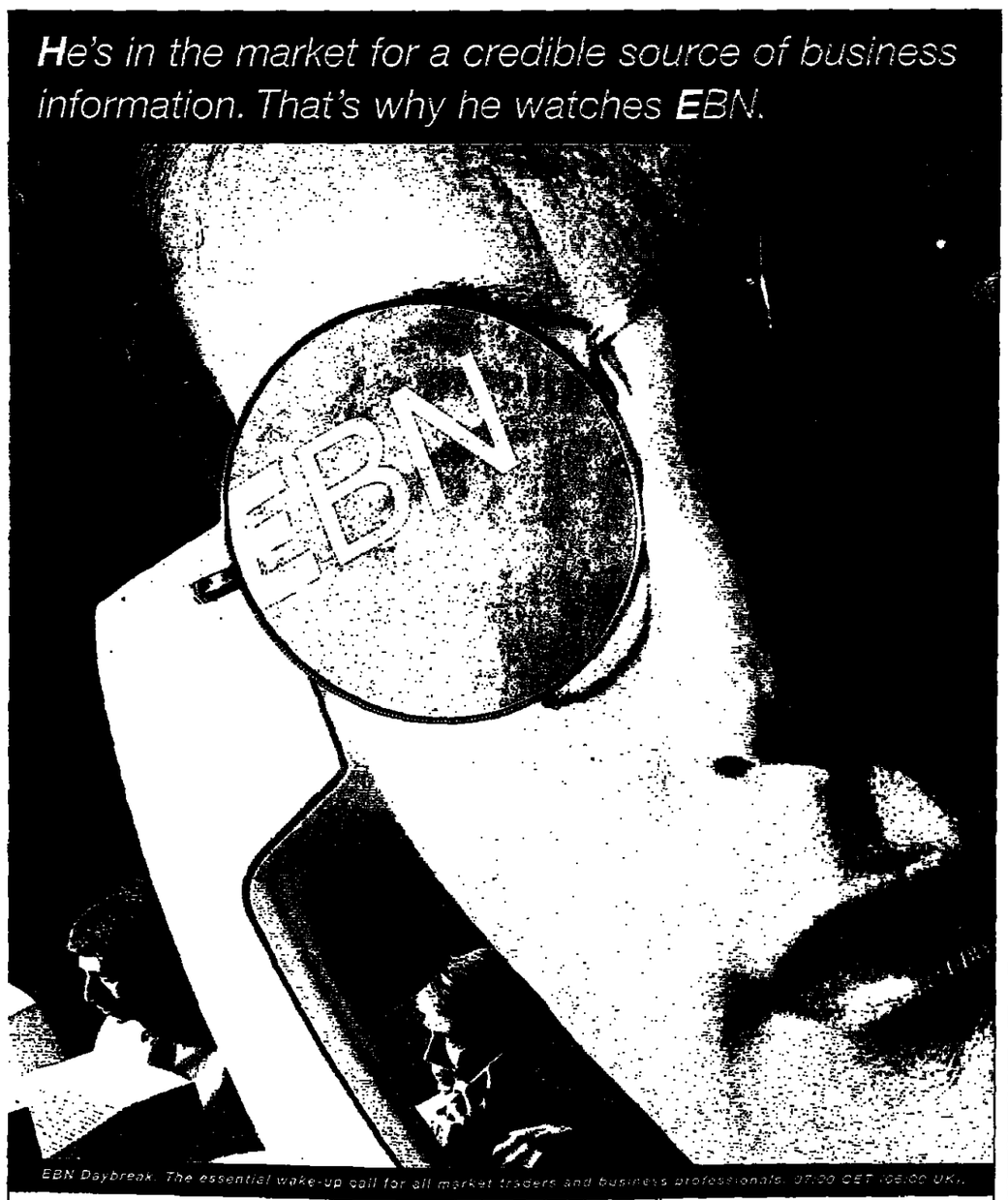


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How key personalities will vote in the great test of democracy



Sergei Kovalyov, 65, human rights campaigner. Voting for: Grigori Yavlinsky. "Yeltsin could not tear himself away from the party bureaucrats. But Yavlinsky is strongly tied to a circle of liberal intellectuals. I can be confident Yavlinsky will fulfil his duty to these people."

Patriarch Aleksi II, 67, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "Today in this fateful time for Russia, President Yeltsin has played a great role in uniting the people. If the old regime comes back to power, the country will suffer new tremors."

Maya Plisetskaya, 70, ballerina. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "I will vote for Boris Yeltsin. We cannot allow a repetition of a Stalinist, Communist, socialist, or whatever name you call it, regime. People must be allowed to live in peace and the country to develop normally."

Valentin Rasputin, 59, writer. Voting for: Gennadi Zyuganov. "How can we support the [Yeltsin] Party of Power. His regime is barbaric and cruel. There is only one choice, Gennadi Zyuganov."

Yelena Bonner, 73, human rights activist and widow of Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel laureate. Voting for: Grigori Yavlinsky. "I am voting with my conscience. A politician must be moral. This has been forgotten."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, 77, writer. Voting for: nobody. "Our political parties don't stand for anything . . . The answer is to strengthen local government. I am on Jesus Christ's side, not the side of any political party. You should not mix Christ and politics."

Katya Polyanskaya, 22, fashion model. Voting for: Mikhail Gorbachev. "He is the only intelligent and honest candidate running for election. He has proved that he has the interest of the country at heart rather than his own selfish motives for seeking power."

George Blake, 73, retired KGB spy. Imprisoned in Wormwood Scrubs for 42 years — one for every agent killed as a result of his treachery. He escaped in 1966 to Moscow where he still lives. Who will he be voting for? No comment.

Rufina Philby, 65, writer and widow of Kim Philby, the KGB spy. Voting for: Boris Yeltsin. "I do not want to go back to the situation we had with the Communists. I am not so fond of Yeltsin. I cannot forgive him [for] Chechenia and the poverty we live in. But it could be worse."

Yeltsin ally puts blame for bomb on Communists

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

THE threat of a terrorist bombing campaign yesterday overshadowed the closing stages of Russia's presidential race, as candidates accused each other of trying to destabilise the vote with violence.

In the aftermath of Tuesday night's bombing of a metro train, which left four people dead and 12 injured, the authorities said they were drafting in extra security forces to prevent another attack.

"This wild, barbaric act carried out just before [Sunday's] elections is aimed at destabilising the situation in the capital and creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear," said President Yeltsin who, in spite of fears for his safety, attended an Independence Day rally in Moscow last night.

"Our best response to extremist actions will be by voting on June 16, voting for civil peace, for stability and for the future of Russia," he said, reiterating a key theme of his re-election campaign.

Although he only hinted that his political opponents may have had a hand in the attack, Yuri Luzhkov, the popular Mayor of Moscow, accused the Communists outright and said the bombing was linked to an assassination attempt last week on Valeri Shantsev, his deputy.

"The explosion was carried out by those who doubt their success in the elections and want to aggravate the situation in order to cancel voting," the burly city boss and Yeltsin loyalist said. "The terrorist act is backed by the forces which want to bring the country back to 1917, the 1930s, the postwar years, the years of queues, deficit, limited freedom and limited consciousness."

His outburst drew a sharp response from Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist Party leader and presidential candidate, who told a gathering of students near Moscow University that President Yeltsin had only himself to blame for the incident. "This is the latest symptom of several years of free-for-all politics," said Mr Zyuganov, who accused the Yeltsin Government of costing thousands of lives through the war in Chechenia and failing to halt rampant crime. "We demand that the authorities take effective security measures and fight those who commit such atrocities."



Russians on the remote Yamal peninsula, on the shores of the Arctic Ocean and nearly 1,500 miles northeast of Moscow, were among the first to cast their ballots. They were allowed to vote between Monday and tomorrow

While both sides traded accusations, investigators reported that the explosion was caused by 1lb of dynamite concealed beneath a passenger seat and set off by a timer. Although the device was relatively small, it caused heavy casualties when it went off as the train passed through a tunnel between two stations south of the city centre.

Although this was the bloodiest incident of its kind on the metro for two decades, Muscovites remained largely unperturbed about the threat of a terror campaign.

Ballot-box fraud to play major role in electoral drama

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

IN ITUM-KALE, a mountainous region in the rebel-held part of Chechenia, the Central Electoral Commission recorded a stunning result in the parliamentary elections last December. The turnout was 100 per cent, and of 2,221 voters, 1,206 had voted for Our Home Is Russia, the pro-government party, giving it proportionally more than five times the vote it got in the country as a whole.

The trouble with this statistic is that no one in Itum-Kale voted and not a single Russian soldier has set foot there since the start of the Chechen war in December 1994.

In an increasingly fractious election campaign, supporters of each of the two frontrunners have begun to accuse the other of seeking to falsify the vote on Sunday. Gennadi Zyuganov, the Communist candidate, has said that he is sending 200,000 monitors out to polling stations to carry out a parallel count of the votes, a move which President Yeltsin's team has called provocative.

Analysts believe that there is scope for rigging anything up to eight million ballots or 10 per cent of the vote on polling day. "Our electoral regulations look the same as in Stalin's day and large-scale falsifications cannot be excluded," Nikolai Petrov, an analyst with the Carnegie Endowment in Moscow, said.

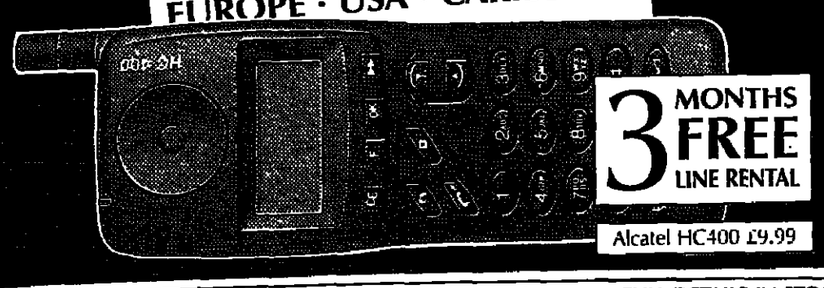
In December 1993 there was a widespread view that the results of the referendum on the constitution were altered. At 1am, only two hours after the last polling station had closed, Vyacheslav Kostikov, Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, declared that the constitution had been approved. A commission later reached the conclusion that the turnout figure, which was only just above the 50 per cent required, had been fixed, but the commission was wound up.

This time, according to Mr Petrov, obvious falsification in favour of Mr Yeltsin can be expected in strongly-controlled autonomous republics, such as Chechenia and Tartarstan. For the Communist monitors and the 1,100 foreign observers watching the polls, says Mr Petrov, all results at local polling stations are "unofficial". That leaves a margin of error that can be exploited in Moscow.

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The debate provoked by Polly Toynbee's support for easier divorce is joined by

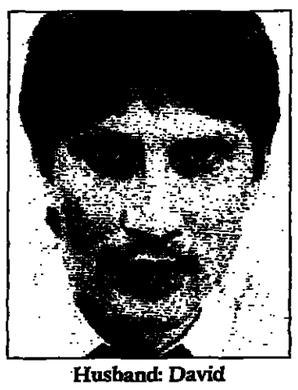
'I was seeing somebody else's world view being imposed on mine, then justified in print. It was an excruciating experience'



Karen Irving: "All I was asking for was discussion, and a degree of respect for me"

As readers of Brian MacArthur's Paper Round in yesterday's *Times* will be aware, *The Independent* newspaper devoted almost half its front page last week to an attack on the *Daily Mail*. It was written by Polly Toynbee, the *Independent* columnist and former BBC social affairs correspondent. In it she claimed the *Daily Mail* had been trying to expose her — as a supporter of divorce who was enjoying a relationship with a married man — as a hypocrite.

The *Daily Mail* is a fierce opponent of the Government's divorce Bill. And, believing that there was a link between Toynbee's personal experiences and her view that the right to divorce was more important than the right to vote, it started investigating Toynbee's private life.



Husband: David

For the past ten days the debate which was provoked by Toynbee's original article has continued in other newspapers and on the radio. Now, Karen Irving, whose husband is the man with whom Toynbee is having the affair, has entered the debate with her views on divorce, intrusion and Polly Toynbee.

● This article originally appeared in yesterday's *Daily Mail*.

by Karen Irving

THIS article is dedicated to Derek Mosey, my old editor at the Morecambe Visitor, truly a gentleman of the Press and to the late Dougie Errington, the news editor: 'Lass,' Dougie would say with affection, 'don't ever marry a journalist...' Sorry Dougie, I let you down.

Polly Toynbee, *in the* happy position of being able to land one on them before they tried to land one on her, last week challenged the *Daily Mail*: "Why can't they come out in the open and debate their beliefs? It is time to stand up to them."

Indeed. I asked the *Daily Mail* if I could do just that. A social worker by profession, I earn my living on the backs of other people's misery. Not a lot of difference between my job and that of a hack perhaps.

The *Daily Mail* giving column inches to a social worker? Perish the thought. So would I, had not the unlikely opportunity presented itself to engage in the discussion with one of the few journalists whose views really interest me. For I am the "other woman" in *Polly's story — the woman* who, until three years ago, had a nigh-on 20-year marriage with the man in Polly's life.

When my husband told me he had met someone else and felt passionately drawn towards her, I was left in a state of shock. I also felt guilty and in some way responsible. He'd always been the cleverer one, the more successful one, and I felt that if I'd been good enough, he would not be doing this.

He had had affairs in the past, but somehow this felt different. He was absolutely protective of the woman's identity; and I was made to feel irrelevant, an unnecessary part of the triangle. Throughout, I was getting a consistent message — that everyone should grasp happiness where they can, regardless of the consequences to other people. It was almost. I now realise, like hearing her speak. When I found out his lover was Polly Toynbee, it all clicked into place. This was no ordinary affair.

Let me say at the outset that I am not an apologist for the *Mail*. Neither do I deny, as do the chattering classes, that I read it. Actually I enjoy it, Lynda Lee-Potter, on form, makes my Wednesdays. But I disagree with it a lot on politics, policy and poverty. I deplore some of what it says about social affairs. To be frank, like Polly, I too represent all that the *Mail* loathes. A Sussex University graduate, with a degree in sociology and a social worker. Bingo!

Never, Polly, despite much provocation, none of it from the media as it happens, have I ever gone public — unlike you. When you and my husband started your hanky-panky, I grabbed the tissues, switched off the TV — where I ran the risk of seeing you — kept my head down and stopped reading the papers.

I couldn't, though, prevent friends from talking to me at great length and in great detail of the latest Polly-prose. Could I escape from the Mighty Pen? Fat chance. At one time, Polly-vision was almost inescapable as you gave the nation the benefit of your views on the airwaves. It seemed that every piece, every article you wrote, was a justification of what my husband was telling me: in other words, that every man — and woman — had affairs, and everyone in an unhappy marriage had the right to escape. I was seeing somebody else's world view being imposed on mine, and then justified on screen and in print. It was an excruciating experience.

Even my mother-in-law — never, it must be said, a friend — averred: "She's much better looking than you'd think from the TV." I felt hounded. When, in a holiday escape to my beloved Cumberland, my mother (whose views on Polly are not kind) switched on the *One O'Clock News* — few dangers lurking here I thought, *never* having watched daytime TV in my life — aargh! There she was.

Suddenly I found it frightening. Her words came at me from all directions. "Children can handle divorce if the parents don't fight and they can still see their father regularly" (article by Polly in the *Radio Times*, October 2, 1993). How did she know of my fights with my husband and the strain of keeping father in touch with son? Of returning from a concert to look after our son, so my husband could go and meet her? Of hosting dinner parties where he would make an appearance for the first half-hour, then disappear?

You believe in debate, Polly, so let me quote from a letter you sent me on June 3, 1993, on BBC notepaper: "I have, of course, been thinkinng long and hard about our telephone connversation last night." (I'd asked Polly to meet with me — she'd agreed, then changed her mind.)

She continued: "You asked me a number of hard questions you have every right to ask but which I really can't answer at the moment. I don't think any good would come of our meeting and I don't think you would gain anything from it." [Ouch]. "I am genuinely sorry about the distress you are being caused but I don't think our meeting now would improve the situation. Perhaps we can meet sometime later, if it still seems to you to be a good idea." [Yelp].

No, dear reader, it never did seem a good idea. There is a limit to how far one should suffer the tortures in the cause of Motherhood and Apple Pie (which was what I wanted to talk to her about). All along, she claimed the breakdown of our marriage was nothing to do with *her*.

"It's between the two of you," she'd say. "You sort it out." Meanwhile my whole being was being distorted to *meet the Pollymodel*.

Then there is the right to privacy, about which Polly has made so much. Yes, there must be ground rules. Polly knows quite a lot about me, or thinks she does, but I'm confident she won't spill the beans on any of my hobbies, if I don't spill them on hers. Agreed, People's sex lives are not a matter for public delectation. But let's hear it for the right of wives to be protected from knowing about things they'd rather not — and I would rather not have known of some of the pen-pal missives from you to him.

You sent faxes saying how wonderful my husband was and how, if he'd come round, you'd feel stronger. The telephone would ring. I'd pick it up and there'd be no one there. You know I have pieces of information, shared between you, that were an intrusion on my life. How can you say it was between you and my husband, when you faxed my home, phoned my home, and told my husband he could go to see you at your villa, at a time that suited you? You may be vulnerable and damaged, but you are arrogant. "Stinks of moralising hypocrisy"? To you, maybe.

Polly, you are a powerful woman, a journalist to admire. My son likes you. You live in some style with two houses to my one and a car with, shall we say, more elan than my five-year old Proton.

You come from a level of society where people do what they want, and it is accommodated. If you're a duke with 300 bedrooms, you can ignore what happens at the other end of the house. But for me, it's not like that. Perhaps in that respect, I'm lower middle-class.

All I was asking for was discussion, and a degree of respect for me. Instead what I got was the acting out of your formula for modern relationships — that people should seek happiness and have affairs where they want them. It wasn't that I couldn't put up with you — I tried. I would have put up with it for 20, 30, 40 years, if I'd been allowed to. But it was made absolutely clear I was irrelevant. Your propaganda said get pleasure where you can — and you were a more powerful propagandist than I was.

You claim a newspaper made some inquiries about you, Polly, but then, in a way, journalists and social workers

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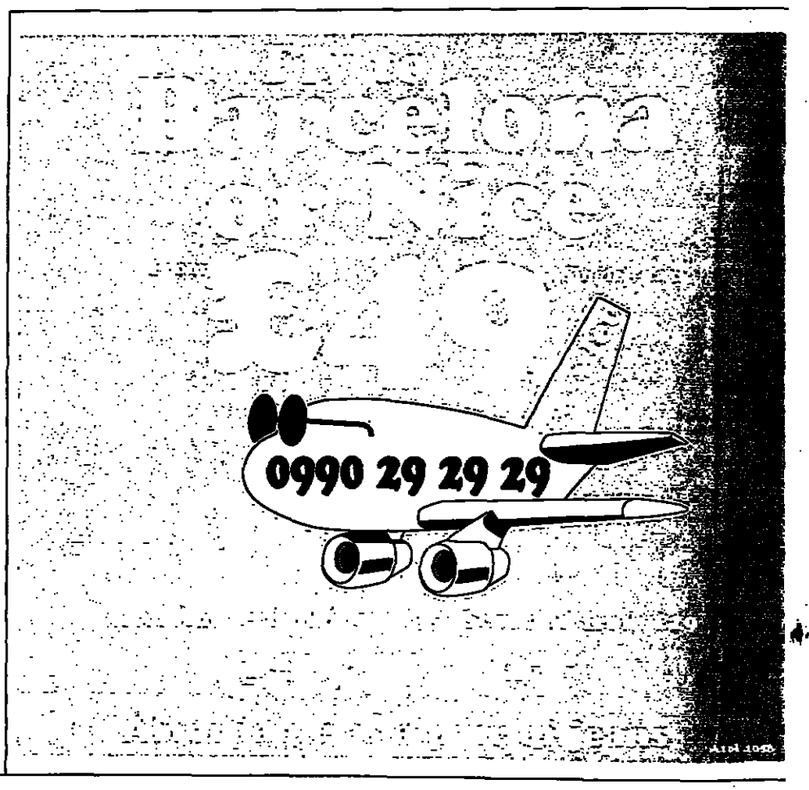
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the wife of the man with whom she is having a relationship



The author suggested that Polly Toynbee's writings on the family were hypocritical

have quite a lot in common. It's a fact that social workers earn far less than hacks, famous or not; we get paid a pittance and yet are pilloried in the tabloid press, like you. Like you we are staked out but unlike you were are crucified.

You well know the hue, the cry, the call for blood. Fee fi fo fum, I seek the head of officialdom — when the child dies at the hands of an adult, often a step-parent, I wish I had a pound for every time a social worker has been hounded to oblivion, accused of being responsible for a child's death. I'd be a rich woman. Social workers, mostly do a super job, rolling up their sleeves and doing their best to cope on society's behalf with the detritus of people behaving badly, living for the moment, or as you might put it: "Escaping unhappiness where they can." (Toynbee article, *The Independent* 6.6.96.) Even if we were to talk, as you do, half-baked claptrap about the family today, no one would print it, never mind pay for it. I could tell you tales, dear Polly, that would make your hair curl, about some of the things people do to enhance their happiness at the cost of others, particularly children.

But back to you and my husband. In our family you set the agenda. It was as though now my husband had fallen in love with you, we had to run our life around your wishes and needs — to conform to your formula. It is hard to describe the paranoia this induces, but try to imagine how much worse this is if, like me, you *don't* have access to the right to be heard.

No, I'm not a victim, as you thought; but neither am I a rich, powerful woman with a public platform of my own. Only now, against the wise advice of friends and colleagues, have I finally decided to take the opportunity to hit back.

I was terrified, I had sleepless nights wondering what you could do to me if I got into print. I was only a little comforted by the knowledge that I have nothing to hide. In my own home, my husband threatened me that, if I refused to conform to his wishes, there could be trouble. I felt bullied and threatened, slandered and slaughtered, in order to support the good name of someone who lives for the moment. I felt powerless and afraid. It was only then, accused of being a weasel (dear reader, I am a kitten), that it suddenly dawned on me to fight back.

I realised that, thanks to you, my life is actually now very public. It may be that you want to misrepresent my situation in a malevolent light, but I don't have to be secret or protective any more. No doubt there will be retaliation against me some day — I have been warned as much — but it is time to stand up to you both.

The tragedy is, Polly, that there is much on which we would agree. You say "good people make honest mistakes" (*Prospect* magazine, June 1996). This rang deep bells for me. My father, Gordon Irving, spent much of his life miserable, paying for his mistake.

He was one of life's unsung heroes, a teacher at a poorly-funded secondary modern school in Lancaster. Before that, when I was seven years old, he was disgraced, having — don't laugh — stolen £34 of the school dinner money at the village school in Cumbria where he was headmaster. (He paid it back later.)

He probably did it to keep two little Irvings in shoe leather, for mother, not frugal, was concerned to keep up appearances. Joh, home, everything was lost. We lived in a caravan for a while — fun, maybe, for my brother and me but it must have been hell for my father. We fetched up in rooms above an illegal bookie in Morecambe. We had nits. Polly. Tragedy is short on chic. The man, my father, who paced the floor, chain-smoked and raged at mother, had agitated depression.

He was stuck like a record, never to grow beyond the unforgiveable sin — to his mind — of what he had done. At least twice a day throughout my childhood I had to hear his universal truths: the best tune in the world — the *Blue Danube*; the best novel — *Vanity Fair*.

Head boy at school (Creighton School, Carlisle; now gone) and the school motto *nil sine labore* — Nothing Without Labour. He drank (when he wasn't working),

> 'From now on, Polly, you don't patronise your lover's wife

raged, never gave me any pocket money and tried to grow potatoes in our front garden — deep shame: no one else I knew did that.

But by God he stuck with his family. No matter how tormented and tortured -his life, he did what he saw as his duty, worked, paid the bills, and we grew up somehow. Flawed, but with a sense of morals, obligation and I hope, a compassion for others based on understanding and not patronisation.

Finally, Polly, your letter of January 11, 1994, written to a friend and directed to me. You wrote: "I do object to your suggestion that my writings on the subject of families and children have been hypocritical. I have never ever written anything to suggest that I hold to a moral code. I have never moralised in print, or advocated higher moral standards than my own, but nor have my views in any way changed since my relationship [with David]. I have always had the same views and aired them in the same way, quite consistently.

"I do realise [you] find it difficult . . . why should I wish to cause extra gratuitous pain?" Why indeed. The answer to that Polly, is difficult and painful to define.

You often proclaim how complex relationships are, but you look only at the surface. Your arguments offer instant gratification, but they don't allow people to explore the more taxing, intellectual and spiritual dimensions of marriage. I believe that when people propound the argument that we should follow our drives, regardless of civilising factors, that way lies tragedy.

I was brought up to understand that although people might have passionate affairs or mistresses, family life would be preserved, because the wife would preserve a basic degree of dignity. I believe inherently that we have duties and obligations to a range of people, particularly if there are children in the marriage, and that means keeping continuity.

I felt, and still feel, that I want to preserve a family life for my son that affords me some dignity, but my dignity was repeatedly ripped away. Nor do I just blame you for what happened — after all, it takes two to tangle.

But if it had been anyone other than you, Polly, I think we would have made it. You had the power, the glamour, the big house, the nice car, the rich and powerful friends. I was Mrs Nobody. What I did have, as a strong professional woman, was choice. And I was strong enough — or weak enough — not to be able to ignore what was going on. In my eyes, life is about work, about duty, about survival and reproduction. Incidental to that are moments of pleasure. There's no God-given right to happiness; it's a struggle and you make of it what you can.

Anyone as humiliated as I was would be wrong not to fight back for what they believe in. I had your world view imposed on mine. Your world overtook my world, because I'm a little person. As far as I'm concerned, you're the bully in the school playground — and I've been bullied in print in my own home, by fax and telephone. You justify your world view by using words like "complex" but actually it's very simple: Polly comes first. But from now on, Polly, the rules are different. From now on you don't patronise your boyfriend's wife.

Take two aspirin for your cold

Why doctors shy away from prescribing antibiotics



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

PATIENTS with heavy colds do not always hide their disappointment when their doctor tells them to go home, keep warm and take a couple of aspirin.

The treatment of the common cold is a frequent cause of confrontation in the surgery and often leads to an acrimonious dispute. The patient had hoped for a course of antibiotics; conversely the doctor, mindful of the need to prevent the emergence of antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria and the side-effects which antibiotics can cause, normally recommends simpler remedies. The doctor, too, has been taught that as the initial symptoms of a cold are caused by a virus the antibiotic would do no good, but those who are suffering from the cold do not believe it.

Who is right, patient or doctor?

Dr Laurent Kaiser, of the University of Geneva, has attempted to answer the question. *The Lancet* recently carried a report on his research on the treatment of 300 patients, who, when first seen, appeared to have an absolutely simple cold, uncomplicated by the symptoms of any bacterial infection.

Although there was no evidence of any secondary infection, routine cultures taken from all the patients showed that one in five had potentially disease-giving bacteria in their noses and throats.

When Dr Kaiser treated the patients, half were prescribed an antibiotic, Augmentin Co-Amoxiclav, and the other half were given a placebo. The 20 per cent of patients who had bacteria lurking in their noses ready to take any opportunity of spreading once resistance to infection had been lessened, tended to do very much better if they were treated immediately with an antibiotic.

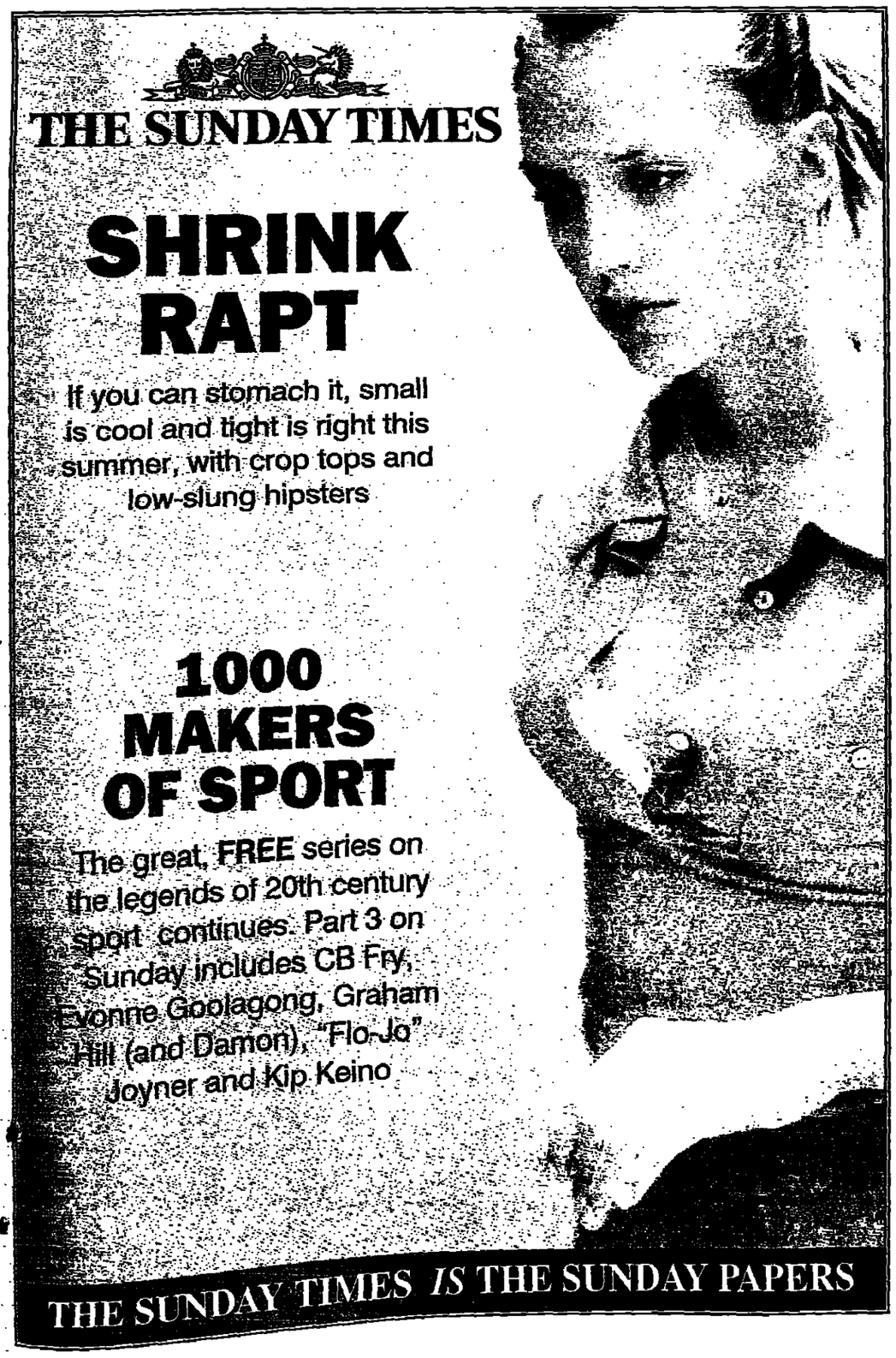
On the other hand, those patients who had negative bacterial cultures when first seen did not benefit from taking antibiotics, and in these cases Augmentin did not materially effect the length of time they suffered from symptoms relating to the cold.

The research does not resolve the doctor's dilemma.

Should the patient be given an antibiotic, despite the disadvantages to society if they are over-prescribed, or should the knowledge that one in five patients will benefit from antibiotics be enough to persuade doctors that their prescription should be the treatment of choice?

Most doctors will compromise. Patients who are obviously old or frail, together with those who suffer from chronic heart, lung or kidney troubles as well as those who are immuno-compromised by being on steroids, or from other diseases, will usually be thought to warrant early treatment with antibiotics.

On the other hand, the young and otherwise fit will still be given aspirin and homely advice even if as a result some will be ill for an extra day or two.




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Bosnia can have free elections

War criminals such as Karadzic must not take part if peace is to endure, writes **Carl Bildt**

Is Dayton a failure? Has the peace process stalled in Bosnia? These will be the questions on people's minds when the governments of the Peace Implementation Council meet in Florence later this week. I have two ways of answering.

One is to compare the newspaper headlines of today with those a year ago. Today I read of disappointments with the peace process, impatience with the pace of economic reconstruction, frustration about those parts of the peace agreement which have not been fully implemented. These criticisms are justified and felt particularly acutely in my office.

But a year ago this week, the top news stories were of UN peacekeepers being held hostage, of the shelling of Sarajevo intensifying, and of preparations for the next offensive by the Bosnian Army to break the siege of Sarajevo — an offensive which failed, incidentally, at the cost of many lives.

It would be an exaggeration to say now that there are as many new cafés opening up every day in Sarajevo as there were shells falling a year ago, but the mood on the streets has been transformed. Hope is in the air here, and in cities across Bosnia.

The other way to answer is to admit quite openly that there is still a very long way to go, further than I hoped six months into the process. Indicted war criminals are still free in many parts of Bosnia. Radovan Karadzic is still poisoning the atmosphere of Bosnian Serb politics. A climate of fear inhibits freedom of movement between the two parts of Bosnia, and it has been darkened by a number of ugly incidents, mostly but not exclusively on the Serb side of the boundary. The media on both sides still use the rhetoric of war, with Pale Television and Radio often churning out propaganda of the most objectionable, Stalinist variety.

However, the worst possible response would be to run up the white flag, say it is all far too difficult, and announce now that there is no point in going through with the elections which are planned within the next three months according to the Dayton timetable.

I am still determined that Karadzic and all of the other indicted war criminals should be tried by the international court. For them, all roads lead to The Hague, and the sooner the better. If Karadzic has a case to put, as he says, he should have the courage and conviction to argue it in person.

But there is a separate provision in the peace agreement, that indicted war criminals are not permitted to hold public office. This is of urgent concern to me, for Karadzic's clinging to office is preventing people from moving on from the psychology of war to the manners and language of peace. We have made some progress, both in making clear to the leadership that Karadzic has to go, and in persuading President Milosevic of Serbia to exert pressure to that end. The Florence meeting must send the message once more.

Elections in Bosnia will be more than usually important. It is of course vital that people have the opportunity to choose their own representatives, to create a new legitimacy. But even more pressing is the task of creating the joint institutions which are the only way of bringing the country together again after years of war. The longer we wait for the elections, the longer the forces of ethnic separation and partition will prevail.

My office cannot force people to live together and cooperate. Nor can 60,000 heavily armed Ifor troops, who cannot be expected to remain in anything like such numbers beyond the end of the year. But if we can give Bosnians the opportunity to work together in forging a decent, civilised country, it will be a big achievement.

Of course it is possible that the conditions will be too dreadful, the level of violence and intimidation too high and the media are insufficiently objective for elections worth the name to go ahead. This judgment could still be made by the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which will be supervising the elections. But I do not expect that on the basis of what I see in Bosnia today. Ordinary people in each of the communities have a hunger for peace and a deep desire for a return to normality. They realise that ethnic ghettos are not the path of the future. They want to move on. Bosnian politics is coming alive when given the chance, but the Bosnians need reassurance and encouragement.

> Karadzic is still poisoning Bosnian politics

We in the international community can provide much of that support. A reward for peace in the form of money for reconstruction will help. So will assistance to the media, for instance in the field of television, and my office is already helping to create a new independent network based on existing Bosnian television stations. The continuing contribution of Ifor and the International Police Task Force will also be of the essence if secure conditions are to be assured for anything like normal political life.

I am not an irrepressible optimist, nor can I afford to be an uncompromising idealist. Bosnia, after all its savagery and sadness, has little room for either. Yet I have seen enough courage, decency and even wisdom here to believe that Bosnia can come through if it is given the chance. We on the outside, like the Bosnians themselves, must show this week that we can stay the course.

The author is the High Representative for the implementation of the Bosnian peace agreement.





All differ, yet all agree

On Europe, Ireland, education, tax and health, consensus is breaking out

William Rees-Mogg

Some national problems seem insoluble. The Government regularly drives down blind alleys and equally regularly makes U-turns. There seem to be irreconcilable disagreements, both inside and between parties. I suspect that many of these differences are mistakes rather than permanent and necessary divisions. I am confirmed in this opinion by finding that I am at present in agreement on different issues with many people with whom I would normally expect to disagree. For instance, in the past week I have agreed with Ted Heath's view that the beef row over Europe is self-defeating, with Roy Jenkins and Tony Benn that there will have to be a referendum, with the German CDU economics spokesman on taxation policy, and I expect I am even in agreement with somebody about Ireland though I'm not quite sure with whom. For me, agreement is busting out all over.

First of all, Europe. I do not now see what the problem is. Germany wants to form a federal EU, as outlined in the Maastricht treaty, with a single currency, a single central bank, common defence and foreign policy, a court, a Parliament and with the nation states reduced to the constitutional functions of the German *Länder*. Hardly anyone in Britain wants to join that. The political class in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Austria, Denmark, Italy and perhaps even Spain think that they want it, though whether they will like it if they get it is another matter. The people of those countries are more sceptical than their governments, and the whole project may or may not prove feasible.

Chancellor Kohl has now come to the conclusion that British public opinion will always be an obstacle to his plans. This federal Europe on the German model cannot include Britain, whether Britain is led by John Major, Tony Blair, or anyone else. Helmut Kohl is, in my view, quite correct in this judgment, and Britain's eccentric conduct of the beef issue must have confirmed him in it. Chancellor Kohl is therefore, in British terms, a Euro-sceptic, indeed much the most powerful of all Eurosceptics: he is sceptical about British membership of the sort of European Union he wants to create.

On the other hand, he does not in the least want to stop exporting German goods into the British market. He wants free trade with us. He also wants to keep a good and friendly relationship with Britain, including a continued British contribution to European defence through Nato. With all of this I find myself in complete agreement. If the core group, including France, creates the European federal state, Britain should stand outside it. In the meantime, Britain should not join the single currency, which is essentially a part of the proposed structure.

No doubt Britain's relations with Europe will change, depending on whether the German plan is fulfilled or not. That may require a renegotiation, but as the main issues are already broadly agreed — Britain to be outside the federal union but inside the free trade area — that is no problem. Whether the renegotiation will be done by Tony Blair in the next Parliament or by John Redwood and William Waldegrave in the one after is a matter of indifference. A free-standing Britain in friendship both with a healthy Europe and a healthy North America is what the majority in this country have always wanted to see.

Then there is Ireland. Nothing much can happen until the IRA has decided on a permanent ceasefire. The Unionists cannot be expected to negotiate seriously so long as terrorism continues. But the balance of interest is shifting rapidly. Since the Irish divorce referendum, it has been certain that the Republic of Ireland has made the crucial move into a modernist world. The Irish President, Mary Robinson, is a much-loved modern person, very contemporary in style and thought. When she comes to London, Bob Geldof of all people wears his honorary KBE and dresses in a white tie.

The Unionists would be much more powerful in a united Ireland than they can ever be in the United Kingdom, but would be as little likely to be oppressed by the Pope, "old red socks" as Ian Paisley used to call him. A united Ireland would be run by the urban middle-class of Belfast and Dublin, by the Irish "cognitive élite" of people such as David Trimble and Mary Robinson herself. The people who would lose out would be the IRA, who are not modern people at all and would not be tolerated in a modern united Ireland.

I am not sure that I want the romantic Celtic Ireland of St Patrick and St Bridget, of leprechauns, Padraic Pearse, Fenians and banshees to be deconstructed by this post-Christian modernism. Yet if that is what is needed to stop the IRA blowing everyone up, I suppose we shall have to be thankful for it. In the end, the modern world finds its way in everywhere; no doubt the little folk are now backing the Irish entrants in the Eurovision Song Contest which may be why Ireland is so successful.

We are probably moving, despite the IRA, to a united Ireland of thoroughly modern people, just as we are moving, thanks to Chancellor Kohl, to a Europe divided between federalists and independent nations. Although the British Government finds these developments confusing, they may reflect the realities.

The old Ireland of priests and saints is dying, and it was that glorious tradition which kept Ireland divided. Germany wants to remake Europe in its own image and Britain does not want to be a province of that Europe. Once we recognise these realities, the world becomes a simpler place. There are some other issues in which the only thing that stands in the way of agreement is the belief that disagreement is inevitable. People disagree strongly about the future of the National Health Service, but agree it is near to breakdown because it does not have sufficient resources; this is not because the Government is mean, but because the resistance to paying taxes causes all tax-funded institutions to be under-resourced, the defence forces just as much as the health service. In comparable countries, health has a similiar level of public funding but much greater non-governmental support, including private and charitable funds.

In the arts, the necessary revolution from single to plural funding took place in the 1980s; in health it still has to take place if the system is not to break down all together. In London, the availability of acute beds in hospitals has already broken down. If the Labour Party is not to return to being the party of high taxes, it too will have to envisage this plural funding policy, if the NHS is not to collapse. Some people still think it shocking to suggest there should be a bigger role for charitable and private medicine, but they will have to get over their shock.'

A similar development is happening in education. Almost everyone now realises that Britain has been under-educating the majority of children, partly because of the fashionable pupil-centred educational theories of the 1960s, which became grossly exaggerated and doctrinaire. The political parties are now competing with each other in promising to reverse this, although that means fighting the whole culture of the educational bureaucracy.

Tony Blair made sensible personal decisions about the education of his own children, and believes in the value of disciplined and structured teaching. He wants people to learn something while they are at school. Of course Tony Blair has to face the prejudices of his party, but he is tough-minded in resisting them.

One of the worst failures of John Major's Government has been tax. He increased public expenditure before the last election, and the taxpayer has been paying for it ever since. Yet there is now a worldwide trend to lower direct taxes. Steve Forbes's flat tax had a strong appeal in the Republican primaries, and even under Bob Dole it has become Republican orthodoxy. The latest recruits to this policy can be found in the German coalition. The CDU spokesman, who does not have full support in his party, is advocating a cut in the top rate of tax from 53 per cent to 28 per cent; the SPD spokesman, who does have party support, wants to cut it to 35 per cent. Both figures are well below Britain's top rate of 40 per cent. Lower tax rates will be the orthodoxy of all future Conservative leaders in Britain.

We are moving into a world with much to admire and much that is disagreeable. It is being shaped by changes in the consciousness of nations which politicians cannot control, as well as by real world economic forces. The best politicians are those who keep open minds and respond to the emerging reality rather than fighting it. Between these politicians, whatever their country or party, there is a surprisingly broad area of common understanding.

Trading on our diplomats

Magnus Linklater asks: boardroom or drawing room?

As if it did not already have enough windmills to tilt at, the Labour Party is aiming its lance at one of the most durable of them all. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, is looking sternly at the diplomatic service, with the idea of advertising some of Britain's top ambassadorial jobs so as to attract candidates from business. He would target in particular the "tiger" economies of the Pacific rim.

Mr Cook is not the first to have expressed such doubts. "The old-world diplomacy of Europe was largely carried on in drawing rooms," noted Walter Bagehot, "and to a great extent, of necessity, still is." Lord Curzon grumbled that his envoys were never there when he wanted them. "Whenever a crisis occurs, our ambassadors always seem to be shooting or holidaying," he wrote. Sir Kenneth Berrill's think-tank report of 1977 concluded that the Foreign Office had failed to keep pace with the changing world of commerce and discouraged innovation. The report was quickly shelved.

The caricature of an antediluvian service, all plumes and cocktail parties, is unfair. It is almost impossible to become an ambassador without commercial training, and most top diplomats have spent a large part of their working lives promoting British trade rather than analysing political strategy. A retired diplomat I know reckons that in recent years at least 75 per cent of his time was spent talking to foreign companies, getting to know their chairmen, putting British businessmen in touch with their opposite numbers and smoothing the way for trade delegations. A contract for a carpet company from Glasgow now gains more career points than a brilliant *tour d'horizon* of a country's defence capabilities or shrewd assessment of the president's weakness for chorus girls.

But Mr Cook may be onto something. There is nothing like a good business brain for spotting and exploiting a financial opportunity. Most career diplomats would gain from a spell in industry. Whether that would work at ambassadorial level is a different matter.

The issue has been brought into focus by the controversy over competition between Wales and Scotland for foreign factories. As *The Economist* revealed last week, the Treasury Chief Secretary, William Waldegrave, is fed up with the way the Welsh Secretary, William Hague, and the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, have been bending the rules to outbid each other in order to lure Asian companies to their own patches. Mr Waldegrave would like touting for business to be centralised under an agency called the Invest in Britain Bureau, run by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Needless to say, this is being strongly resisted by Messrs Hague and Forsyth. Each new foreign plant in Tiger Bay or Lanarkshire boosts not only employment but political kudos. They are not going to surrender that willingly to the DTI. Recently Mr Forsyth returned from a tour of the Far East bringing with him contracts worth many millions of pounds to Scottish business. A future Labour Secretary of State would be just as keen to maintain this bidding process.

But ministers would not be able to operate at all without the backing of British embassies. The reception they are given and the contacts they are offered depend heavily on the advance groundwork done by the British ambassador. And that in turn will benefit from the diplomat's standing in the eyes of the host country. In South Korea and Japan, two key markets, the respect granted to an ambassador depends not on his business expertise, but on his status. The fine academic background of the present American Ambassador in Seoul, for instance, is regarded as a tremendous asset. The fact that the British Ambassador in Tokyo has a working knowledge of Japanese will be taken far more seriously than a sharp business brain.

In Korea, hierarchy is especially important. The president of the Samsung Corporation may not be impressed by the new British ambassador having once been marketing manager of Widgets plc, but he might appreciate talking to the former chairman of ICI. Every detail of a visitor's background is likely to be questioned: social standing, personal achievements and seniority count for a great deal. So, too, will etiquette. Observance of local custom is vital. It is important to know that blowing your nose in public is regarded as a disgusting habit by Koreans, although spitting is acceptable. Exchanging business cards is almost as fine an art in Seoul as a Japanese tea ceremony in Tokyo. They don't teach you that in the boardroom.

But what Mr Cook may finally stumble upon is rather less sophisticated. The truth is that Britain could never afford a diplomatic service bristling with top businessmen — private sector salaries are far too high. There are few ambasssadorial jobs that carry six-figure salaries, and even fewer that offer share incentive schemes or golden handshakes. Not even the plumed hat, the cocktail circuit or the embassy Daimler will ever, I suspect, quite close that gap.

Swift retreat

THE Ministry of Defence may have played down the incident, but it has emerged that Princess Margaret herself was far from amused by the party hosted by Michael Portillo which disturbed the Beating Retreat ceremony last week in Westminster.

During the ceremony on Horse Guards, where she took the salute, she complained about the noise to her hosts in the Household Division, commanded by Major-General Iain Mackay-Dick.

Michael Portillo was forced to make a public apology, after complaints that his guests were marring the event for the 2,000 spectators. He had invited close friends to Admiralty House to watch the ceremony and enjoy a few drinks. The atmosphere became lively, and with all the windows flung open in the heat, bellowing laughter and chatter drifted across the parade ground two floors below.

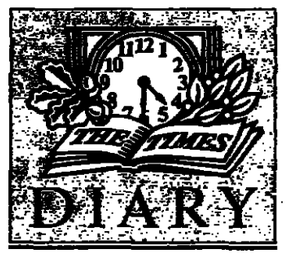
Until now, Princess Margaret was thought to have ignored the noise, but I am assured that she did not. "She remarked forcefully on the matter," says my source. "And she wasn't best pleased."

Though Portillo may survive Princess Margaret's wrath, the matter isn't over yet. The Ministry of Defence has now received a number of letters complaining about the behaviour of the Defence Secretary and his raucous guests.

● *Granada's involvement was all too evident at the Grosvenor House Antiques Fair, which until recently was hosted by Forte. Peter Baldwin and Thelma Barlow (Derek and Mavis Wilton to fans of* Coronation Street*) were mingling yesterday at the private view with dukes and duchesses. "Unspeakably downmarket," commented one monocled regular.*



"Is the chairman more acceptable now?"



Where am I?

I AM DELIGHTED to be able to jog George Best's memory, after his peculiar claim in *The Times Magazine* last Saturday that he didn't go to the World Cup Final in 1966. "I was chuffed they won it but I can't even remember where I was — probably in digs in Manchester," he said. As my picture shows, he not only made it to Wembley but turned up sober in a smart jacket to sit meekly in the stand. But then, he probably enjoyed a couple of snifters afterwards which may have clouded his recollection of *English football's finest moment.*

With a fizz

AT ST MARY'S, Wantage, the fifth form threw manure all over the school grounds to celebrate the end of exams. At Oxford, they throw drink. Students have got through more alcohol than ever this year, according to the High Street branch of Oddbins, closest off-licence to the Examination Schools.

Last Friday, they served a record 1,200 customers — mainly with cheap fizz. "Students cover themselves in the stuff," says a weary don. "Like racing drivers, they consider it smart to shake and spray."

● *Not one for show, our Chancellor. Last Friday Ken Clarke hosted an economic outlook discussion at Dorneywood. Afterwards, the bigwigs, including William Waldegrave and the heads of the Inland Revenue and Customs & Excise, were taken away in their sleek chauffeur-drivers. Their host lumbered into a red Ford Escort.*



Best, in his best

Daily bread

THE PIGEONS of Trafalgar Square have never known such excitement. A walking art exhibition by the name of Tatsumi Orimoto has arrived. He wanders the capital's open spaces with baguettes strapped to his head.

The Japanese artist, known as Bread Head, has been travelling the world for some time: two years in Germany with a 9ft chimney in his backpack, then five years crossing continental roads with a cardboard box on his foot. In New York he spent a year dragging a cast-iron bathtub around Greenwich Village. Now he is in London.

"It's my way of communicating. I just stand there and people come talk to me," he says. "Other art you forget in a few minutes. You meet Breadman, you never forget."



Bread man, bread man: but is it art?

● *Standards are clearly slipping at the Ritz Hotel, where ties must be worn. Reception has been instructed to issue clip-on ties of the variety worn by young schoolboys and Jeremy Beadle to guests who arrive open-collared. "Normal ties do not fit many of the shirts of our customers," says the hotel. Tosh.*

P·H·S

TEACH BY EXAMPLE

The best place to learn to teach is in school

Teaching is both an art and a science. Good teachers need the arts of communication, understanding, authority, patience and the ability to enthuse a class. But the science of pedagogy also plays a part. Just as in medicine, it is possible to ascertain through research which teaching methods are most effective. These findings must be imparted to teachers both in their training and once they are at work.

Gillian Shephard's proposals for a national curriculum in teacher training courses should, therefore, be welcomed. Although no one would normally expect a minister to prescribe exactly what should be taught in a degree course, teaching is an exception. All society has an interest in education being improved. The teaching profession has failed to achieve this on its own.

Comparisons with medicine are not exact but they are instructive. In teacher training colleges, lecturers spend a large proportion of their time talking about the psychology of education. When it comes to methods, they frequently expect students to make up their own minds, on the basis of very little experience, about which should be used. No wonder that 40 per cent of new teachers complain that they are ill-equipped for the job.

In medical school, by contrast, very little time is spent on the psychology of the patient. Instead student doctors are instructed about the appropriate treatment for each ailment, backed up by rigorous academic studies of outcomes. It would be absurd to expect the students themselves to decide, for instance, on whether keyhole or invasive surgery was most appropriate for a particular complaint. It is just as absurd to ask trainee teachers to choose "real books" over phonics or vice versa.

The only reason that teachers and their trainers have been resistant to adopting best practice on the basis of which method has been shown to work best is that ideology has had such a hold on them. Such an overlay of dogma would be bizarre in a medical school: it ought to have no place in teacher training colleges either. Everybody agrees on the desirable outcomes of education: well-adjusted children with a body of knowledge and an ability to think for themselves become equipped for adulthood and work. Whatever teaching methods can best achieve that result should be taught on teacher training courses.

Whether Mrs Shephard can achieve her laudable aim is another matter. Education is perhaps the worst department in Whitehall for delivering what ministers request. Her curriculum will have to be detailed and thorough, leaving little room for subtle sabotage. It should not be drawn up (and therefore diluted) after long consultation with education lecturers. But it should spell out a range of skills that teachers graduating from college will have to possess and be tested upon.

The Education Secretary has some tools at her disposal. Ofsted now inspects teacher training courses, and can use the new curriculum as the template against which to judge their efficacy. The Teacher Training Agency will then have to be prepared to withdraw funds from colleges that fail their Ofsted inspections.

But alongside this, Mrs Shephard should put far more effort into encouraging schools to train students. Independent schools teach their own teachers extremely effectively. The mechanism is there for the State sector to do so too, but few schools have offered themselves up for it. Now that Mrs Shephard, through Ofsted, knows which schools are good, she should cajole them to take responsibility for the next generation of teachers. As anyone with classroom experience knows, teaching by example is the best way of achieving results.

BRITAIN'S VOICE

Birt's shake-up at Bush House is a a reorganisation too far

The BBC is the most famous broadcasting organisation in the world. Overseas, at least, it is a byword for balance, impartiality and a commitment to free speech. This reputation rests on the BBC World Service, the Corporation's overseas arm at Bush House which broadcasts round the clock in English and more than 40 other languages to more than 140 million listeners — more than all its nearest rivals put together.

Because its value — and its operational efficiency — are recognised by both Left and Right, the service has fared well in successive public spending rounds. This year the confrontation was particularly bruising: the Foreign Office cuts threatened at least a dozen of the smaller language services with closure. Fighting back tenaciously, the World Service so marshalled its arguments that the Government has now been persuaded to reinstate much of the money. Yet at the moment of victory, the BBC is putting Bush House at risk.

John Birt, the Director-General, is proposing a management "reorganisation" that would cut the service into three. News would come under one line of management, the English programmes under another and the language services would be left as an isolated rump. The effect would be to break the links between the three. The sharing of scripts, talks and ideas would be very much more difficult. Cross-currents that generate good, spontaneous broadcasting would be dammed. More programmes would be bought in from outside, made without the audience or the medium in mind.

The service is today an anomaly: it is in many way a reminder of staider, more high-minded days. Its news is rigorously sourced and soberly presented. To the World Service, balance is the golden mean. Although it is defended by a coterie of loyal and self-interested supporters, the arguments in its favour are not to be dismissed without the most careful consideration.

The point to be held most carefully in mind is that this is a niche service. It lies outside the competitive world of global commercial broadcasting. The domestic BBC has to respond to these pressures; the World Service is expected — and funded for that purpose by public money — to lie somewhat outside them. It has been prepared to innovate, notably by its successful foray into television news; but its core service remains radio.

Any change must therefore take account of its audience and what they need and expect of it. Those listeners overseas seeking phone-ins, gossip and personality-based programmes can turn to their local stations. Or they can tune in to the other market-driven and commercially funded foreign broadcasters such as Radio Monte Carlo. But survey after survey has found that not only people who cannot trust their national channels but those who make decisions — in Africa, Russia or the Middle East — tune in to the BBC for real news, especially in times of turmoil. President Gorbachev turned to the BBC during his detention in the abortive 1991 coup to find out what was happening.

Were the BBC to change its fare or philosophy, its huge advantage, and Britain's consequent cultural and commercial gain, would be lost. There seems to be no commercial gain, no need to shake up a poor performer, no editorial advantage. It is not a question of politics, flushing out stuffy attitudes or slaying the imagined tyranny of liberalism: it is a question of destroying an efficient, coherent and undoubtedly effective broadcasting service.

ILL-FOUNDED AND ILL-JUDGED

John Major should show a little charity

The Government has put on its hobnail boots this week and lashed out at some curious targets. It is not an edifying sight. On Tuesday the Prime Minister chose to criticise the National Lottery Charities Board for "ill-founded and ill-judged" decisions. Government sources indicated the awards he was exercised by were grants to bodies helping homosexuals, asylum-seekers and prostitutes. If anything is ill-founded and ill-judged it is the Prime Minister's attack on the board and their charity towards some of society's most vulnerable.

Since its inception the lottery has attracted criticism. Much of it has been justified and some of it ill-informed. The campaign against grants to the Royal Opera House was driven by a particularly ugly mixture of philistinism and class hatred. But, until Tuesday, ministers have risked unpopularity by defending the system warts and all.

Now, however, perhaps scenting some political advantage, the Prime Minister has chosen to criticise the National Lottery Charities Board for how it has spent less than a quarter of one per cent of the £319 million pounds it has so far distributed. He has ordered an investigation of the decisions made by the board chairman David Sieff and his colleagues.

The grants objected to include one to a body already sponsored by the Government which tries to prevent disease spreading among prostitutes, one to an organisation which provides help to those seeking asylum and several which provide information to homosexuals. By casting doubt on their fitness to receive public money the Government is tacitly encouraging prejudice towards women who are already victims, refugees who have already suffered and those whose sexuality is not the majority's. It is unattractive and illiberal.

The National Lottery Charities Board is not a band of radicals intent on subsidising subversion. Its chairman is a director of Marks and Spencer and Newbury racecourse. His deputy, Sir Adam Ridley, is a merchant banker who once worked for the Tory party. Mr Sieff was not appointed by accident but by Michael Howard — not a man inclined to tailor his judgment to win the good opinion of the *bien-pensant*.

Even if the board were not staffed by Conservative-approved quangocrats it would not deserve to have its judgment criticised by Mr Major in public. It is, at best, discourteous, of the Government. If ministers had concerns they should have been taken up privately. Parading them in the Commons only adds to the suspicion that the Government's motives were less than pure, its concern more with votes and political distractions than with victims. The lottery's capacity to raise money for charity has not, so far, affected the level of charitable giving. It has, however, seen the Government behave less than charitably.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Controversy over new lottery grants

From Mr Andrew Phillips

Sir, Although a member since its inception of the National Lotteries Charities Board I write this letter in a personal capacity.

John Major is entitled, of course, to make any comment he likes on the way the board does its work (report, June 12). The same goes for Mrs Bottomley. I am sure both of them will allow a comparable freedom of response.

As I see it, whilst we have assiduously consulted the voluntary sector, and whilst we certainly recognise that we are a public entity, we were not appointed to dance to the tune of the tabloids. I do not think that the Prime Minister yesterday acted wisely by appearing to do just that.

As for Mrs Bottomley's indications to the media this morning that if she cracks the whip the board does her bidding, that is simply not the case.

It was nothing whatever to do with her, or indeed the Home Secretary, that our third round grant theme includes medical and health charities. It was our public policy from the outset to ensure that they (along with all other charities) would get their turn.

As I see it (and I would be surprised if my fellow board members did not agree), our job is to listen to all but kowtow to none. Just like MPs, in the end we have to decide what we think right and best. Anything else would, incidentally, risk being illegal.

Perhaps I have a less depressing view of public opinion than some. If you do a skin-deep survey you will get a skin-deep response. By contrast, where so-called ordinary people are given a chance to really understand difficult issues my experience is that they are sensible and generous. In any event it is not our job to endorse prejudice.

Yours truly,
ANDREW PHILLIPS,
Bates, Wells & Braithwaite
(solicitors),
61 Charterhouse Street, EC1.
June 12.

From Mr J. S. Weir

Sir, John Major is wrong! It is entirely appropriate to use money raised by the promotion of greed and gambling to subsidise homosexuals and prostitutes.

Yours faithfully,
STUART WEIR,
19 The Glebe,
Cumnor, Oxford.
June 12.

Southern Sudan

From Mr D. G. Littman

Sir, The facts provided by Bernard Levin (article, May 31; also letters, June 6, 10) on the deplorable situation in Southern Sudan were recently confirmed at the United Nations by the special rapporteur on the Sudan, Mr Gáspár Biró.

In introducing his third report to the UN Commission on Human Rights on April 16 this year, Mr Biró stated:

> We have reached a stage where the facts are no longer debatable: the descriptions contained in the previous reports, which are corroborated with a wide range of independent sources, have proved to be well founded.

He gave examples of arbitrary arrest, torture, disappearances, extra-judicial killings and slavery — particularly child slavery — and mass forced conversion to Islam.

His report also includes details of a fatwa against all those who oppose the Government of Sudan, an edict issued on April 27, 1992, by six religious leaders and imams in the Kordofan State and still valid.

It authorised the killing of Muslims considered heretics and non-Muslims who refuse to allow the spread of Islam and was, to quote Mr Biró, "publicly supported at the highest government level".

Under much pressure the Sudanese Minister of Justice, Mr Abdel Aziz Shiddo, informed the UN Commission on Human Rights on April 17 that Mr Biró, banned from entering the country since 1994, could now visit Sudan and see for himself. He hopes to do so in early August.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID LITTMAN,
Villa Itéa,
1196 Gland, Switzerland.
June 11.

Honours uneven

From the Director of the National Portrait Gallery

Sir, I was pleased to see Piers Rodgers's letter (June 11) correcting previous mis-statements about the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, but less pleased that he makes a slightly misleading statement himself.

He says that the Summer Exhibition, with 140,000 visitors, is "*by far* [my italics] the most popular mixed show of contemporary art in the country". Last year, the National Portrait Gallery had 143,640 visitors to its annual BP Portrait Award, so there is an equivalently large audience keen to see new work by figurative artists under the age of 40.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES SAUMAREZ SMITH,
Director,
National Portrait Gallery,
St Martin's Place, WC2.
June 11.

Merits and misery of freight railway

From Mr Robert H. Foster

Sir, Your report (June 7) of a proposed freight railway line from Leicester to Folkestone indicates that of its 180 miles, all but ten miles is over existing railway route, most of it still in use, and that the ten new miles would be in tunnel.

You also report that a "revolt is being raised to kill off" the proposal. Astonishingly you quote both a Labour and a Tory MP vehemently opposed to it. There is surely no logic to such an objection.

Five years ago citizens of Arras staged a protest, ultimately unsuccessful, because the new Paris-Lille-Calais/Brussels high-speed line was not to be routed near enough to their own town.

Yours faithfully,
R. H. FOSTER,
Winterburn Grange,
Near Skipton, North Yorkshire.
June 7.

From Councillor Simon M. Hooberman

Sir, In Streatham, where several properties would be demolished and others would lose their gardens, Conservatives have been campaigning hard against Central Railway's lunatic proposal since we first heard about it in December. Our immediate reaction was, "this is freight which is not bound for London so it should not go through the capital, which is already congested enough".

In bleakest January over 300 people attended the Conservative group's public meeting, to which Central Railway declined an invitation. So far, some 2,000 have signed a protest petition.

The project, by Central Railway's own admission, would cost at least £3 billion. Such schemes always finish up costing far more.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON M. HOOBERMAN
(Conservative transport
planning spokesman),
London Borough of Lambeth,
Lambeth Town Hall,
Brixton Hill, SW2.
June 10.

From the Chairman of Central Railway

Sir, Central Railway's projected link between the heartland of British industry and the Continent would bring both substantial economic and environmental gains within existing transport corridors.

It would take more than a million lorries off overcrowded roads and reduce pollution without taking up a great deal of valuable new land for construction. It incorporates a compensation scheme for homeowners which is superior to that offered by the State. It would also create thousands of construction jobs and permanent jobs afterwards.

All this could be achieved by a valuable partnership between the public and the private sector using only private finance.

Despite the failure of many years, railways can deliver what the country needs. We are looking forward to a fair hearing and support in Parliament for a project which puts into practice the policies of every political party.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW GRITTEN,
Chairman,
Central Railway,
62-65 Trafalgar Square, WC2.
June 11.

From Councillor Sally Powell

Sir, Hammersmith and Fulham Council organised a public meeting last Thursday to which Central Railway was invited. In turning down the offer it said: "We believe that such meetings are not conducive to reasoned discussion." It offered instead to meet councillors of the Environment Committee.

Despite the short notice over 150 residents came to listen to local MPs and councillors.

The proposal has extended the misery of our residents who live near the West London line corridor. The blight caused by publication of this scheme has serious implications for householders.

We are in favour of freight being put back on the rails but not at the cost of residential blight and the chaos that would inevitably follow.

Yours sincerely,
SALLY POWELL
(Chair, Environment Committee),
Hammersmith and Fulham Council,
Hammersmith Town Hall,
King Street, W6.
June 10.

The wider picture of Alzheimer's

From Professor G. K. Wilcock

Sir, Your page devoted to Alzheimer's disease today is to be welcomed by all of us working in this field. I would however like to correct any impression that Europe still lacks a multidisciplinary research centre for Alzheimer's.

There are, in fact, a significant number of such centres within Europe and elsewhere. In Bristol, for instance, we have more than 20 doctors, psychologists, laboratory scientists, nurses and social workers, amongst others, researching into this condition. They are all part of the same research group working together to share ideas and ensure that the work they are undertaking is relevant to the needs of sufferers and their carers.

A strategic decision was taken not to base them all within the same building, as this enables sufferers to have access to a wider range of NHS facilities and expertise. Despite the fact that the different parts of the research centre are a few minutes apart, geographically speaking, they function as a single integrated body.

Yours sincerely,
G. K. WILCOCK,
University of Bristol,
Department of Care of the Elderly,
Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.
June 3.

From Ms Rosas Mitchell

Sir, Your articles of June 3 on caring for people with Alzheimer's disease painted a harrowing and devastating picture. While no one can deny the pain involved, this picture is incomplete.

I have been a family carer for the last five years and have worked in service development for people with dementia and their carers.

I have found that there can also be joy, humour, fulfilment and the reciprocation of love. These qualities can be nurtured through training, education, and support and breaks for carers.

Above all, there is a need to find carers who still believe that people are people, despite the disease; that their personality and humanity deserve dignity and respect, that they are unique individuals with the need to love and be loved.

By believing, as Richard Eyre does, that the soul and humanity disappear with the progression of the disease, loved ones are reduced to mere animals. Such beliefs have devastating consequences for the care of people with Alzheimer's in society.

Yours sincerely,
ROSAS MITCHELL,
6 Windsor Place, Stirling, Central.
June 4.

Cambodia's future

From Mr Toby Anderson

Sir, While it may be true that the Khmer Rouge and the Cambodian royalists have often shared a common enemy (report, June 7), it is inaccurate to say they have frequently colluded "in their fight against Communists".

This common enemy has typically been foreign intervention, whether the American puppet regime of Lon Nol or the invading Vietnamese Army. During the early 1970s the Maoist Khmer Rouge sought to exclude all foreign influence to facilitate the grotesque social experiment that was Kampuchea's Year Zero.

Similarly, King Norodom Sihanouk, aware of the fragile nature of Cambodian society with its many violently opposed factions, sought to avoid the disruptive influence of foreign "aid", as proffered by the Nixon administration.

Sihanouk's policy was concerned less with excluding radical elements than with juggling and absorbing them. Indeed, he has never fully ruled out the possibility of including the Khmer Rouge in the democratic process should they renounce their armed struggle.

Perhaps we should view his being in touch with the group's presumed new leader, Khieu Samphan, as less of a whimsical irony than a testament to a political realist and survivor.

Yours faithfully,
TOBY ANDERSON,
Wayside House, Old Odiham Road,
Alton, Hampshire.
June 11.

Christ's divinity

From Professor John J. Haldane

Sir, Dr E. Shehadeh's letter (June 8) accuses me of implying "that Christ obtains His deity by association with His mother". This is a misunderstanding of the point of my article (*Credo*, June 1), and one shared by several private correspondents.

My claim was not that the divinity of Christ derives from the power of Mary, let alone that she is in any way divine.

On the contrary, she merits the title, Theotokos (Mother of God), in virtue of the fact that Christ is divine. As I wrote, "To deny her that title is to deny the divinity of her Son". Mariology is subordinate to Christology. The Church of Rome has never taught otherwise.

So I am in complete agreement with the words of Shehadeh: "Mary has added nothing to the deity of God or Christ."

Yours faithfully,
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June 12.

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Bitter harvest of broken families

From Mr Paul Rippon

Sir, I was staggered to see Lord Habgood write (letter, June 10) that "the only morally defensible ground for divorce [is] the death of the marriage". I can find no authority for this in scripture. It omits the high view of marriage plainly held by Our Lord and neutralises the emphatic abomination of divorce which we read in Hosea.

Surely the important thing for Christians to remember is that whilst the law convicts yet we are saved through our redemption. You can't have one without the other.

Viewed from this perspective it is small wonder that the permissive approach to divorce echoed by Lord Habgood but going back at least to *Putting Asunder*, the report of the Anglican archbishops 30 years ago, has reaped such a bitter harvest of broken families and injured children. For all his "admonishment" of adultery, divorce has become acceptable, almost respectable, and certainly commonplace.

Unlike him, however, I do not believe that it is "easy" for the couple involved and their children. That is to confuse the legal process with the pain of a broken union.

Under the present Bill, divorce ceases to be a remedy and becomes the right of all married people. I should have the right to dissolve my marriage following my own adultery. This seems a very striking departure from the high ground of moral principle.

In loving the sinner, Our Lord never failed to hate the sin. Nor was it ever possible to escape its consequences save through his redemption. In the present context to confuse the two is to reduce marriage from a union ordained of God to a relationship (such as cohabitation) which is of concern to the parties themselves and ought not to be approved by the Church as the basis of family life.

This legislation may make divorce more popular and will certainly make marriage (as it is at present understood by both Church and State) less so. Far from supporting marriage, it will diminish it.

Yours etc,
PAUL RIPPON,
As from: The Athenaeum,
Pall Mall, SW1.
June 11.

Drug culture

From Miss J. Scutts

Sir, Richard Morrison's suggestion (Arts, June 8) that "the pro-drugs climate of popular culture would be transformed" if the music industry ostracised its drug addicts and drugs became a taboo subject in the music press is hardly realistic. Drug use would simply be driven underground, leading to misinformation, exploitation and far greater risks.

The music press accepts that contact with drugs, if not their use, has indeed become a "rite-of-passage" for almost all Nineties teenagers, of whom I am one, and seeks to inform without condoning.

The *New Musical Express*'s rival publication, *Melody Maker*, in the week to which Mr Morrison refers, gave away a free guide to the summer music festivals. The telephone number of the National Drugs Helpline was featured prominently on every page and a double-page spread gave concise information on drugs commonly encountered at festivals. It was clearly and repeatedly stated here that the only "truly safe option" is not to take anything at all.

This balanced and sensible reaction is favoured by the music papers whenever general drug use arises as an issue (for example in the wake of the film *Trainspotting*) and Mr Morrison's contribution is unhelpful.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNA SCUTTS,
18 The Plantation, Blackheath, SE3.
June 9.

Compressed air?

From Miss Christine Long

Sir, You report (Travel News, June 6) that "one of Britain's smallest airlines is looking for air hostesses — but only anyone under 5ft 3in need apply ... anyone over that height would be too tall to stand in the cabin".

The same criterion will presumably apply to the passengers if they are to travel in any degree of comfort.

Yours (on the tall side),
C. M. LONG,
29 Heath View, N2.
June 6.

Exhausting summer

From Dr Philippa A. Lowe

Sir, This summer we are encouraged by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, in their "Don't Choke Britain" campaign, to leave our cars at home.

I was therefore delighted to receive the latest *National Trust Magazine* featuring articles promoting alternative transport. Also included in the mailing was a book of National Trust raffle tickets. The top prize ... a car.

Yours faithfully,
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Bournville, Birmingham.
June 12.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 11: Mr Thomas Richardson was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Italian Republic. Mrs Richardson was also received.

June 12: His Excellency Mr Khamphan Simmalavong was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Simmalavong was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

His Excellency the Hon Royce Frith was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

The Lady Herries of Terregles was received by Her Majesty and delivered up the Insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by her late mother, Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, today attended the 1996 Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference at the Moat House International Hotel, Chester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire (Mr William Bromley Davenport).

His Royal Highness, President, Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth, this evening attended the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society's Dinner at the Bryn Howel Hotel, Llangollen, Clwyd.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 12: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 12: The Princess Royal this morning opened the Medway Tunnel, Rochester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown KG).

Her Royal Highness afterwards visited Cobham College, Cobham, Gravesend, Kent.

The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, later attended an Industry Committee Meeting for the second launch of the Corporate Membership Scheme at Buckingham Palace.

Her Royal Highness, Chief Commandant for Women in the Royal Navy, this afternoon received Captain Julia Simpson RN upon relinquishing her appointment as Chief Naval Officer for Women and Captain Philippa Duncan RN upon assuming the appointment.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, later attended the Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London, SW1.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception for members of the Association of Royal Navy Officers to celebrate the Sixtieth Anniversary of Royal Patronage, at the Imperial War Museum, London SE1.

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 12: The Princess of Wales, President, Royal Academy of Music, this morning received Mr Guy Whalley (Chairman) and Dr Curtis Price (Principal).

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 12: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Own Scottish Borderers, this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel John Cooper on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Jackson on assuming the appointment.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Notting Hill Housing Trust, this evening attended a performance by European Chamber Opera at the Holland Park Theatre, London W14.

YORK HOUSE, ST JAMES'S PALACE

June 12: The Duke of Kent this morning visited *HMS Victorious*, at sea off the West Coast of Scotland.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Naming Ceremony of the RNLB *George and Mary Webb*, the Whitby Royal National Lifeboat Institution Lifeboat Station, Brewsters Lane, Whitby and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire (Sir Marcus Worsley, Bt).

Dinners

Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House last evening the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor and Directors of the Bank of England, Bankers and Merchants of the City of London, Members of the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs, the Chief Commoner and some Members of the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of London.

The Lord Mayor, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Governor of the Bank of England and the Chairman of Lloyd's of London were the speakers. Among others present were:

Mrs Kenneth Clarke, Mrs E.A.J. George, Mrs David Rowland, Sir Robert Bellinger, Commander Sir Robin Gilleti, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mr Michael Jack, MP, Mrs Angela Knight, MP, Ms Samantha Beckett, Mr Norman Blackwell, Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP, Sir Terence Burns, Mr Peter Butler, MP, Professor Alan Budd, Professor Andrew Likierman and Mr Anthony Teasdale.

The Academy of Experts

Lord Slynn of Hadley, President of The Academy of Experts, presided at the annual president's dinner held last night at Gray's Inn. Among those present were:

The Ambassador of Luxembourg, the High Commissioner for New Zealand, the Governor General of New Zealand, Lord Wilberforce, the Chairman of the Judicial Studies Board, Sir Sigmund Sternberg, the President of the British Cardiac Society, the Chairman of ACAS, the Chief Executive of the Court Service, the President of RIBA, the Director General of the Institute of Directors, the Chairman of the General Council of the Bar, the President of the Institute of Legal Executives, HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, the Director General of the Forensic Science Service and the Chief Executive and Government Chemist of the Laboratory of the Government Chemist, Mr Roger Pannone, Mr Norman Royce and Professor W. Ray Turner.

The Pakistan Society

The 44th Annual Dinner of the Pakistan Society was held in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, last night. The High Commissioner for Pakistan presided and the guests were received by the Chairman, Sir Oliver Forster. The Guests of Honour were the Secretary of State for the Home Department, Mr Michael Howard, QC, and Mr Kamal Uddin Azfar, Governor of Sind.

European-Atlantic Group

The German Ambassador was the guest speaker at a dinner discussion of the European-Atlantic Group held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Dahrendorf, chairman, presided. Sir Oliver Wright and Sir Frank Roberts also spoke. The Ambassadors of Romania, Latvia, Poland, Hungary and Turkey were among the guests.

Royal Automobile Club

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Pall Mall clubhouse for members of the club. Mr Sam Toy also spoke.

Edinburgh University

Dame Stella Rimington was the guest of honour and principal speaker at the annual dinner of Edinburgh University Club of London held last night at the Caledonian Club. Mr James Fairbairn, president, was in the chair.





New House Farm set in meadows where rare wild flowers flourish, thanks to the traditional farming methods used by Walter Umpleby

Farm from the past saved for posterity

AN ENGLISH farm where time has stood still for half a century has been saved for the nation.

While mass production and battery farming have taken over most of the countryside, Walter Umpleby has continued to work hand in hand with nature.

The 65 acres at New House Farm high in the Yorkshire Dales are still harvested by scythe each year, but only after the stunning array of wild flowers has died. The hay is then baled to provide fodder for the cows and sheep housed in the traditional byre and barn in winter. The fields are fertilised by the manure produced — rather than by chemicals and additives — and the cycle is repeated.

The dry-stone walls surrounding the farm 1,100ft up in the Dales above Malham are maintained by Mr Umpleby, whose methods provide a snapshot of a bygone era and a haven for rare birds and other wildlife.

But with Mr Umpleby, 68, retiring in the autumn there were fears that the traditional farming methods he uses would not again be seen in action in the area. However, the National Trust has bought the land and will stipulate that future tenants must farm in the same old-fashioned way.

Lord Healey of Ribblesden, President of the National Trusts's Yorkshire Moors and Dales Appeal, was delighted at the deal. He has a special affection for the Dales, having been brought up at Ribblesden in West Yorkshire where he spent his spare time walking and cycling in the Yorkshire Dales.

During his days of high office, including his time as Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Dales provided an escape from the pressures of his work and also inspiration for his hobby of photography. "I have visited New House Farm before and it really is a delight," he said. "It's almost unique to find such a working farm in these modern times and tremendous news that it will be preserved."

He added: "Modern intensive farming methods have destroyed this way of life on most farms and perhaps we are paying the price of that with the current BSE situation. You won't find silage or entrails used to feed animals on Mr Umpleby's farm, just good old-fashioned hay."

Mr Umpleby will move to another part of the Dales. He said: "My late wife would be delighted that the farm will remain the way it always has. It was a worry to me to think what might happen to it after I'd moved on. I didn't want it turned into a factory."

School news

King's College School, Wimbledon

The Governors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Anthony Evans as Head Master of King's College School in succession to Mr Robin Reeve, who will be retiring in the summer of 1997. Mr Evans is currently Headmaster of The Portsmouth Grammar School and Chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC). KCS is a Registered Charity no 31002 which exists to provide education for children.

Latymer Upper School

Latymer Upper School is pleased to announce the following awards for September 1996.

Foundation Scholarships at 11+

Andrew Bromley, John Betts' Primary School.

Paul Fulda, The Latymer Preparatory School.

Daniel Jude, The Latymer Preparatory School.

Timothy Massey, Montpelier Primary School.

Anton Nazareth, Pinner Wood Middle School.

Peyman Owladi, Derwentwater Primary School.

Stuart Simpson-Palmer, The Latymer Preparatory School.

Thomas Smith, St Mary's RC Primary School.

George Wales, All Saints' Church of England School.

Christopher Williams, Fox Primary School.

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Upton House School, Windsor

Upton House School, Windsor, is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. As part of the celebrations a reunion luncheon will be held at the School on Sunday, June 30, 1996. Please contact Mr John Hancock on 01753 851133 for details.

Receptions

St Catharine's College, Cambridge

The Danish Ambassador, Mr Ole Lønsmann Poulsen, and the Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge, were the guests of honour at the summer reception of the London group of St Catharine's College held yesterday in the precinct of St Katharine's Danish Church, Regent's Park.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, entertained officers and guests of the British Veterinary Association at a reception held yesterday at the House of Lords.

Company of Armourers and Brasiers

The Company of Armourers and Brasiers' 1996 joint sponsorships with British Alcan Aluminium for undergraduates studying materials science or materials engineering have been awarded to Miss Suzy Pilcher and Miss Zoe Martin of Oxford University, Mr Nicholas Barker and Mr Nicholas Wain of UMIST.

Launderers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Launderers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr David R. Browne; Deputy Master, Mr James I.S. Fox; Senior Warden, Mr Richard C.L. Orford; Renter Warden, Mr Michael Bennett.

The Savoy Gastronomes

The Savoy Gastronomes held their summer reunion last night at the Ritz Hotel. Miss Dodie Cotter president, was in the chair.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will be present when the Duke of Edinburgh, as Captain-General, takes the salute at Beat Retreat by the Royal Marines on Horse Guards at 6.30. Prince Edward will also attend.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, Streatham at 3.15.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of Victim Support, will attend a meeting of the Advisory Board at Church House, Westminster, at 10.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a gala dinner at Guildhall, Portsmouth, at 7.45.

Princess Margaret, as president, will attend a performance given by the Birmingham Royal Ballet at the Alhambra Theatre, Bradford, at 7.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Iris Fund, will visit the department of ophthalmology and the diabetic eye screening service at Ninewell's Hospital, Dundee, at 2.00; will visit the human genetics unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, at 4.00; and, as Patron of the Scottish Opera, will attend a performance of *La Traviata* at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre, at 7.15.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will open Burwood House, Parker Street, London WC2, at 11.15; and, as Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, will attend a dinner at the society at 7.45 to mark the retirement of the director, Dr John Hemming.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Restoration of Appearance and Function Trust, will attend a reception on the set of London Weekend Television's *London's Burning* at Long Lane, the Borough, SE1, at 7.30.

Princess Alexandra as Patron of the Starlight Foundation, will visit the Starlight Express Room, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, South Glamorgan, and as Patron of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust will visit the Cystic Fibrosis Adult Centre 2.30; and will open the new boat house and name the Atlantic 75 lifeboat of the RNLI at Penarth, at 3.45.

Service dinners

HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night on board *HMS Victory*, Portsmouth Naval Base. Admiral An Pyong-Tae, Chief of Naval Operations for the Korean Navy, was among the guests.

Cuidich'n Righ Club

Lord Campbell of Croy was the guest of the Cuidich'n Righ, Duke of Albany's Club, at the annual dinner held last night at Claridge's Hotel. Major LS. Gibb was in the chair.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Fanny Burney (Mme D'Arblay), diarist and novelist, Lynn, Norfolk, 1752; Thomas Young, physicist, Milverton, Somerset, 1773; Thomas Arnold, educator, Cowes, 1795; Sir Charles Parsons, pioneer of the steam turbine, London, 1854; W.B. Yeats, poet, dramatist, Senator of the Irish Free State, Nobel laureate 1923, Dublin, 1865; Basil Rathbone, actor, South Africa, 1892; Dr A.A. Griffith, aeronautical engineer and father of fracture mechanics, London, 1893; Dorothy L. Sayers, detective story writer and scholar, Oxford, 1893; Paavo Nurmi, athlete, Turku, Finland, 1897; Carlos Chávez, composer, Mexico City, 1899; Philip Guston, American painter, Montreal, 1913.

DEATHS: Alexander the Great, King of Macedonia, Iraq, 323 BC; Sir Henry Segrave, holder of speed records on land and water, killed on Windermere, 1930; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Millbrook, Jersey, 1931; Georg von Bekesy, physicist, Nobel laureate 1961, Honolulu, 1972; Benny Goodman, clarinetist, Manhattan, 1986.

Queen Victoria became the first British monarch to travel by train on a journey from Slough to Paddington, 1842.

The Boxer Rebellion began in China, 1900.

The first flying bomb, the V1, hit London, 1944.

Luncheons

Lime Street Ward Club

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Alderman and Sheriff Sir Peter and Lady Levene, attended the annual luncheon of the Lime Street Ward Club held yesterday at Guildhall. Mr Vincent Evans, Master, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Charles Bowman, Upper Warden and President of the City Livery Club, and Mr Andrew Mackay, President of the Aldgate Ward Club, also spoke.

Barbers' Company

Professor Sir William Asscher, Principal of St George's Hospital Medical School, was the speaker at the annual awards luncheon of the Barbers' Company held yesterday at Barber-Surgeon's Hall. Professor Donald Barltrop, Master, presided, assisted by Mr A.J.B. Missen, Upper Warden and Mr R. Simmons, Deputy Master. Among those present were:

Medical and Dental Students from all the London teaching hospitals, recipients of the Barbers' Company Nursing Scholarship, bursees and prize winners from the City of London School for Girls, the City of London Freemen's School, Epsom College and Reed's School, a medical student from New Zealand sponsored by the company and other representatives of the educational establishments involved.

Maple Leaf Club

The Maple Leaf Club held a luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, to bid farewell to the High Commissioner for Canada, Mrs Judith M. Steiner, chairman of the club, presided. Mr Robert Newell, Director-General of the Royal Over-Seas League, also spoke.

Service luncheon

8th Gurkha Rifles

The annual reunion and luncheon of the 8th Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association was held yesterday at the Gurkha Museum, Winchester.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E.J. Ambrose and Dr S.H. Otton

The engagement is announced between Euan, only son of Dr and Mrs James Ambrose, of North Connel, Argyll, and Sophie, only daughter of Sir Philip and Lady Otton, of Fulham, London.

Mr C.J. Blackwell and Miss Grant

The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of Professor and Mrs D.E. Blackwell, of Oxford, and Catriona, elder daughter of the late Sir Francis Grant, Bt, of Monymusk, and Lady Tweedsmuir, and step-daughter of Lord Tweedsmuir.

Mr J.A. Clarke and Miss B.S. Tennent

The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr John Clarke and of Mrs Clarke, of The Roos, Whitchurch, Hampshire and Bridget, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.S. Tennent, of Bank Farm, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Mr N.D. Cochrane and Miss F.M. Lynch

The engagement is announced between Neil Douglas, youngest son of the late Dr Douglas Cochrane and of Dr Morah Cochrane, of Glasgow, and Fiona Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Lynch, of Combe St Nicholas, Somerset.

Mr N.M. Hornby and Miss A.St.C. Strong

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mrs Amanda Hornby and the late Mr Charles Hornby, of Hodges Barn, Gloucestershire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Strong, of Bletsoe, Bedfordshire.

Mr J.W. Rees and Miss D.L. Mann

The engagement is announced between James William, son of Mr and Mrs Colin Rees, of Chamberlain House, Wells, Somerset, and Daya Lucienne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Martin Mann, of Lodes, Kingston St Mary, Somerset.

Mr E.J. Tress and Miss K.M. Parsons

The engagement is announced between Joakim, younger son of Mrs G.H. Tress and the late Mr P.W. Tress, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Parsons, of Greenwich, London.

Marriages

Mr E.W. Dawnay and Lady Jane Grosvenor

The marriage took place on Tuesday, June 11, between Mr Edward Dawnay and Lady Jane Grosvenor.

Mr P. Burton and Miss J. Herman

The marriage took place on May 12, at the West London Synagogue, of Philip, son of Mr and Mrs Austin Burton, of Green Hammerton, York, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Herman.

Birthdays today

Major Sir Ralph Anstruther, treasurer and equerry to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, 75; Mr Nicholas Brown, MP, 46; Mr David Curry, MP, 52; Mr Tim Devlin, MP, 37; Sir Reginald Doyle, former HM Chief Inspector of Fire Services, 67; Professor Inga-Stina Ewbank, Professor of English literature, Leeds University, 64; Lord Finsberg, 70; Mr Gwynne Howell, opera singer, 58; Lord Hylton, 64; Mr Tom King, CH, MP, 63; Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, 63; Mr Malcolm McDowell, actor, 53; Sir Peter Marychurch, former director, GCHQ, 69; Mr Michael Melhuish, former president, MCC, 64; Dr Barbara Reynolds, lexicographer, 82; Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise, former Lord Lieutenant of Essex, 88; Dr Bertram Schofield, former Keeper of Manuscripts, British Museum, 100; Mr Peter Scudamore, former champion jockey, 38; Mrs Mary Whitehouse, founder and president emeritus, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 86; Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, former Editor, *The Independent*, 59.

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Lord, you have been our refuge throughout all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth or the earth and the world were born, from age to age you are God.
Psalm 90 : 1 (REB)

BIRTHS

BROCK – On 29th May 1996, to Karen and Denis, a son, James Edward Hamilton, a brother for Emily.

COKE – On 25th May, to Jayne (née Eldon) and John, a beautiful daughter, Matilda Alice.

CULL – On June 6th 1996, to Deirdre (née Luckhurst) and Peter, a son, Charles Henry, a brother for Hugh.

FERGUSON – On June 10th 1996, to Fiona (née King) and John, a son, Alexander Rory David, a brother for James and Georgina.

GROSVENOR – On 2nd June 1996 (her sister's 2nd Birthday, Trinity Sunday) at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford to Kaye and Jonathan, a daughter.

GROUSE – On June 2nd in York, to David and Karen (née Andrews), a son, Matthew Leo David, a partner-in-crime for Lily.

HENDERSON – On June 6th 1996 at Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, to Iain and Rhiannwyn, a gift from God of a beautiful daughter Martha Ormsay.

NAPIER – On June 10th, to Zara (née McCalmont) and Francis, a son.

NEALE – On 9th June 1996, to Karen (née Bennett) and Harvey, a beautiful daughter Francesca Kay.

OATTS – On 6th June 1996, at Vale of Leven Hospital, to Alasdair and Melissa (née Pacey), a son, Angus Patrick John, a brother for Charlotte.

RAHIM – On June 7th 1996 at The Portland Hospital a wonderful and beautiful son named Ziyad Muhammad was born to Abdul-Rahim and Salma.

RENNIE – On June 10th 1996, to Jennifer (née White) and Michael, a son, William John.

SPERLING – On 6th June, at the Whittington Hospital, to Helen (née Kirby) and Charles, a beautiful and beloved son, John Henry Osborne, a brother for James.

STOCKS – On June 6th, to Sara (née Bonallack) and Ben, a son, Sam Geoffrey Michael.

TEBBE – On May 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Dastune (née Bien) and Greg, a daughter, Christina Sloane.

WATERHOUSE – On 1st June to Bente (née Aasheim) and Thomas, a son, James Frederik a brother for David.

WEALE – On June 9th, to Mary and Adrian, a son, Ivo Alan.

DEATHS

CAIN – Al Blackboys, East Sussex, peacefully in her sleep on Wednesday 12th June, Helena Penelope Cain aged 40. Beloved daughter of Mary and the late Major Robert Cain V.C., sister of Finlo, Rosemary and Frances; niece of Mrs A.E. Redman and dear loving partner of Peter Reynolds. No flowers. Donations to St Wilfred's Hospice, Eastbourne, please.

DIGBEY – Nell peacefully at home after a long illness on 9th June 1996, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral Service at 12 noon on 19th June at Lambeth Crematorium.

EVANS – Elizabeth Ann Alice (née Hands) in hospital on 11th June. Beloved wife of Col. John Evans CBE, loving mother of Robert and Sarah and grandmother of William, Freya and Alice. Thanksgiving Service at 11am Wednesday 19th June at St Nicholas, Ickford, Bucks., to be followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the Ryder-Cheshire Foundation c/o F.J. Wilson, F/D, Greenway, Haddenham, Bucks.

FEENEY – Patrick Joseph peacefully on 11th June aged 45 after a long battle against cancer. Much loved by his family and friends. Funeral Service at Corpus Christi Church, Brixton Hill, SW2, on 18th June at 9.30 am.

FOOTTIT – After a short illness in Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on Saturday June 8th 1996, Derek J.W. Footit, Balmacara, beloved father of Claire and Hugh and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service today June 13th 1996 at 2.30 pm from Lochalsh Parish Church, thereafter to Balmacara New Cemetery. All friends respectfully invited. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Highland Hospice and Heart, Chest and Stroke Club.

GLASCO – Joseph Milton Glasco, internationally prominent artist and sculptor, passed away May 31st, 1996 in Galveston Texas. He was born in 1926 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. At twenty five, he was the youngest artist ever to have a one man exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. His paintings are in private and museum collections throughout the world including: the Museum of Modern Art, the Guggenheim Museum, the Whitney Museum, the Hishhorn Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston plus many others too numerous to mention. In his early days in New York, his circle of friends and associates included Jackson Pollock, Alphonso Ossorio and other Abstract Expressionist artists. Mr Glasco was preceded in death by his parents, Lowell and Pauline Glasco, brothers, Gregory and Gordon Glasco, and sister Marion Glasco Chambers. Survivors include: a brother, Michael Glasco and his wife Elizabeth; sister, Anne Brawley and her husband Bill, plus numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by his large family and wide circle of friends around the world. A private Memorial Service for Mr. Glasco will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Joseph Glasco Charitable Foundation, c/o U.S. National Bank of Galveston, P.O. Box 179, Galveston, Texas 77553, a scholarship fund for underprivileged children.

FORSYTH – David ('Freddie') of Pembroke College, Cambridge; solicitor in Oxted; and latterly of Westerham; on 7th June aged 87. Funeral at St Mary's, Westerham 19th June 2 pm. Flowers to Uden's tel: (01959) 573130.

GARRETT – Phyllis Eleanor, loved mother of David and the late Roger, peacefully at Milford House Nursing Home, Salisbury. Family funeral will be at Hinton Park Woodland Burial Ground on Monday 17th June. No flowers please but donations to the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

GWILT – Née Straker. In an Eastbourne nursing home, after an illness uncomplainingly borne Mrs Ann Gwilt OBE MBE (Mil) DBO aged 90 years. Cremation has taken place.

HICKMAN – On 8th June 1996, suddenly at home, 'Margot', Lady Hickman, aged 78 years. Dearly loved wife of the late Sir Howard 'Tim' Hickman, devoted mother-in-law of Heather and dearest grandmother of Charlie, Libby and Eddie. Private cremation followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St John The Baptist Church, Aldenham, on Tuesday, 18th June at 2.15pm. Flowers welcome or donations, if preferred, to the National Asthma Campaign or The Animal Welfare Trust. All enquiries to Nethercotts on 01923 852899.

HORNER – Patricia Denise (Patsy), on June 8th, peacefully in her sleep. Beloved wife of Arthur, mother of Gillian, Robert and Johnnie and "Grandma" to all her grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Laurence Church, The Moor, Hawkhurst, on Friday June 14th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, for The Star and Garter Homes, Richmond, Surrey may be sent c/o J. Perigoe & Son, Bank Street, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 3EF, tel: (01580) 713636.

HUTCHINSON – Wilfred (Bill) formerly of Coast Road, Berrow, late of Steel Brothers Ltd. Peacefully in Allandale Nursing Home, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, on June 10th, aged 88 years. Much loved father of John and Margaret and a dear grandfather. Funeral Service St Andrew's Church, Burnham-on-Sea, Tuesday June 18th at 12 noon followed by cremation at Weston-super-Mare. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Cancer Research to Messrs P.J. Harris, Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, tel: (01278) 782886.

LOVIBOND – Stephen Locke on 9th June 1996, peacefully in hospital. Much loved husband of Pam and father of Charles and Max. Funeral private. Memorial Service at St James' Garlickhythe, EC4 on Wednesday 17th July 1996 at 12 noon. Donations, if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15 Britten Street, SW3 3TZ.

MACKENZIE – On 12th June 1996 after a long illness fought with courage and dignity, Michelle Claire aged 30 years of Puttenham, Surrey. Teacher at A.C.S. Cobham. Loved partner of David Hill, beloved daughter of Bernard (Mac) and Gabriele (Gaby), adored sister of Philippa (Pip) and Mark. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Saturday 15th June at 11am. By request family flowers only, if wished donations for the St Luke's Cancer Appeal may be sent together with any enquiries c/o Robert Ayliss Funeral Services, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

MAIRPRICE – John Loxley on 10th June 1996 after a long illness, peacefully in Pembury Hospital. Dear husband of Barbara, loved and respected father of Rowena and loved brother of Joan. Funeral arrangements E.R. Hickmott, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MANTEL – Ralph on June 11th 1996 at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guildford, beloved husband of Angela and father of Neil and Carol, Guy and Karen and Dom. Much loved and sadly missed by all. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Saturday June 15th at 11.30am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to G.U.T.S. (Mr Karandja) c/o J. Gorringe & Son Funeral Directors, 66 Hare Lane, Godalming, Surrey tel: (01483) 416403.

MIDDLETON – Ian H.B., died peacefully at home after a long illness on 7th June. Beloved husband of Nathalie Josianne and cherished father of Stephane. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday 18th June at St John's Kensal Green, NW10, at 12.45 followed by burial at Kensal Green Cemetery at 1.30 pm. Flowers to John Nodes, F/S, 28 Station Terrace, Kensal Rise, NW10 5RT, tel: 0181 969 3666.

MORGAN – Tragically on Sunday June 9th, 1996 as the result of a road traffic accident, Paul of Porthcawl, Mid Glamorgan, dearly loved husband of Keri. Funeral Service on Tuesday 18th June, 10.15 am at Southlands Funeral Home, Porthcawl. Cremation at Mid Glamorgan Crematorium, Coychurch, Bridgend at 11am.

NEWMAN – On June 11th peacefully at her home in Budleigh Salterton, Pauline aged 73. Beloved wife of Peter formerly of The British Diplomatic Service. Sadly missed by all her friends at home and abroad. Service at Exeter & Devon Crematorium Thursday June 20th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu if desired to Hospiscare, c/o The Health Centre, Budleigh Salterton.

POWER – Margaret, widow of Piers Power and mother of Bridget, John and Kit, peacefully at Moorhouse Nursing Home, Hindhead, on 10th June aged 96. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service at 11.30 am on Monday July 8th at St John's Church, Churt, Surrey. No flowers, but donations if desired to St John's PCC, St John's Vicarage, Churt, GU10 2HX.

RAYBURN – Michael died suddenly on 3rd June, beloved father of Maria and Simon. Funeral 2 pm Friday 14th June Wolvercote Cemetery, Banbury Road, Oxford. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

STEDMAN – Phyllis – The Rt. Hon. The Baroness Stedman of Longthorpe in the City of Peterborough, O.B.E.; honoured citizen; stalwart Parliamentarian; long-serving member of Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough Development Corporation; ex-member and life-long supporter of the Fire Service; widow of Harry Stedman, O.B.E., and sister-in-law of Edith. Beloved friend; favourite "Auntie Phyll" - passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on Saturday, 8th June. She will be very much missed and fondly remembered by many from all walks of life. Funeral service Peterborough Cathedral 1pm Tuesday 18th June, 1996 followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations to P.H.A.B or the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund, c/o Bryan Barnes & Co., Solicitors, Pega House, 172-174 Park Road, Peterborough, PE1 2UF.

TRIST – Philip John Owen, OBE (formerly of MAFF, Suffolk) aged 88. On June 10th 1996 at Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Dear husband of Phil and much loved father and grandfather. Requiem Mass at Linton Parish Church at 12.30 pm on Monday June 17th followed by burial in Balsham Churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to Suffolk or Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trusts c/o the Funeral Directors. Enquiries to H. Peasgood & Son, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ. tel: (01799) 523314.

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OBITUARIES

AIR VICE-MARSHAL A. D. GILLMORE

Air Vice-Marshal A. D. "Peter" Gillmore, CB, CBE, RAF navigation specialist and Senior Air Staff Officer, Home Command, 1956-59, died on May 27 aged 90. He was born on October 17, 1905.



AS A young pilot in the still youthful RAF of the mid-1920s, Peter Gillmore never took off without a particular item of equipment: his AA handbook. It was then common practice for pilots when lost (as they not infrequently were) in the skies above Britain to search for a railway line (of which there were rather more than there are now) and fly along it until they found a station. They would then dive low to read off the name from the large platform signs, and look it up on the AA map to get their bearings.

Gillmore was to become a creative navigator and was an instructor at the School of Air Pilotage at the age of only 26. His skills were particularly valuable in the navigation of early flying boats. Handling these tested the nerves of their crews particularly when flying over the sea, not only because there were no landmarks but because they could easily be blown off course in a strong wind.

Gillmore devised a simple technique which he called "aiming off". If the pilot steered well to the left (or right) of his known objective, he at least knew which way to turn on approaching land, in order to pinpoint it. Aiming directly at it involved the risk of turning the wrong way if the objective was not immediately sighted — and the danger of running out of fuel.

Yet although his career was to be in the air, Alan David Gillmore at first intended to join the Army. Born in Oxford, he was the son of a schoolmaster who later took Holy Orders. His boyish enthusiasm and apparent reluctance to accept the relentless march of years invited comparison with Peter Pan — which explains why for most of his life he was known as Peter to almost everyone who knew him.

From St Dunstan's Preparatory School, Burnham-on-Sea, where he was Head Boy, he went to King's School, Ely, where he played cricket and rugby for the school and set his sights on a place at the Royal Military College Sandhurst.

But his elder brother Vivian was killed while flying as an officer cadet at Cranwell — one of the first fatal casualties at the RAF college. Their mother then persuaded Peter to take his brother's place at Cranwell.

After he had been commissioned into the RAF in 1925, Gillmore's early career tended to a maritime bias. During 1935-36 he was in Malta with 202 Flying Boat Squadron and when the Second World War broke out he was a student at the Royal Navy Staff College.

In 1943 he was given command of the RAF station at Wick, in the North of Scotland. Equipped with torpedo-armed Beaufighters, his squadrons flew hazardous missions against enemy shipping in the North Sea and against enemy-held ports on the continent. Losses were initially heavy because the aircraft, necessarily maintaining a steady course and height as they came in to attack, tended to be easy targets for the ships' guns (as, in not dissimilar circumstances, the Lancasters of 617 Squadron were for the flak towers of the Möhne Dam and, at a much later date, the "runway busting" RAF Tornadoes of the Gulf War coalition were for the air defences of Iraqi airfields). Gillmore's appointment as CBE (Military) recognised the testing nature of these operations from which, once tactics had been improved, his "Torbeaus", as the torpedo-carrying Beaufighters were nicknamed, eventually emerged with great credit as one of the most effective weapons in the battle against enemy surface shipping. His next tour too, as Director of Maritime Operations at the Air Ministry, reflected his experience of coastal warfare.

After the war Gillmore held a brief appointment in Accra as Air Officer Commanding West Africa, in which post he was responsible for winding down the RAF's wartime presence in the region. From there he became AOC 64 Group based in York.

Gillmore was in his element as Commandant of the RAF Staff College, an appointment he held from 1951 to 1953. He was among the first to widen the scope of Staff College instruction, inviting politicians, academics and industrialists to lecture and lead discussions. This was greatly to the benefit of the young officers who passed through the college, enabling them to see their service duties in geopolitical and not merely professional terms.

His penultimate posting was as Senior Air Staff Officer (SASO) in the Far East, based in Singapore, 1953-56. It was a time of great tension; the Malayan Emergency was at its height; but some of his contemporaries thought Gillmore performed so well in the job that he had earned further promotion.

As it was, however, he did only one more tour — as SASO Home Command based at White Waltham. Some time previously he had written a staff paper, recommending that Home Command be wound up. As the Armed Forces contracted following Duncan Sandys' 1957 Defence White Paper, Whitehall took his advice. Ironically, Gillmore himself was among the casualties.

Retiring in 1959, he moved to Radley College, initially as a fundraiser, then to run the careers office. The job fitted him like a glove, given his interest in youth, and he stayed at the school for 15 years before retiring for the second time.

Peter Gillmore was an officer of considerable intellect who thought positively about his role in life and his professional duties. He had been a close friend of the Battle of Britain ace and writer Richard Hillary, who was killed in an air crash in 1943, while training to get on to night fighter operations; he had previously made a partial recovery from the dreadful burns he had sustained while trying to extricate himself from his blazing Spitfire in September 1940. Hillary sent Gillmore a treasured first edition of his celebrated account of his experiences, *The Last Enemy*, which was published in 1942. Hillary inscribed it: "From one who believes that the creative mind has no place in war, to one who does."

In his day Gillmore was an accomplished athlete who excelled in a number of different sports. He enjoyed the distinction of having played at Twickenham, Wimbledon and Lord's — even if not at the highest level.

But he was an unassuming man of great charm and with a great and self-depreciating sense of fun which helped to make him one of the best-liked officers of his generation. At 90 he was still justifying his J. M. Barrie sobriquet by making his great grandchildren laugh.

His wife Kate, who came from a family of newspaper owners in Wiltshire, died two years ago, and he is survived by three sons. These include Lord Gillmore of Thamesfield, who, as Sir David Gillmore, was Head of the Diplomatic Service from 1991 to 1994.

UNO CHIYO

Uno Chiyo, Japanese novelist and kimono designer, died on June 10 aged 98. She was born on November 28, 1897.

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JAPANESE society sustained a seismic shock during the 1920s. It was the time to rebel and to experiment. Uno Chiyo was to Japan what Scott Fitzgerald and Jean Rhys were to the West, and within the parameters of her age and country was considered outrageous. She flouted all the rules, took legions of lovers, married three times, painted her face, cut her hair and wore Western dress.

She also wrote some charming and readable works of fiction which contained frank, confessional erotic passages. Unlike Anaïs Nin, however, who was doing the same sort of thing in Paris at about the same time, Uno Chiyo wrote with a welcome degree of irony and humour.

Uno Chiyo began as she meant to go on. She was born in Iwakuni and lost her mother to tuberculosis by the age of two. Her father was a gambler who spent most of his time in brothels. She toyed with the idea of becoming a geisha, but did not have the money to establish herself. So instead, after graduating from the local high school at the age of 16, she went to work as a teacher's assistant at the Kawashimo Elementary School.

There she shocked her colleagues by arriving for work one day with a heavily madeup face. She had already been forced into a traditional arranged marriage to her cousin, which lasted ten days. Now she took as her lover a teacher at the same school. When the liaison was discovered, her lover lost his job. Chiyo happily went off to Tokyo.

In Tokyo she established herself among a bohemian set, and became friends with newspaper editors and poets. She waited tables at the Enrakuken, a Western-style restaurant near the university and bobbed her hair. She was not exceptionally beautiful, but had a lively, capricious and uninhibited nature which men appreciated.

Proximity to writers encouraged her to write herself, and Taikita Choin, editor of the *Chuo Koron*, published her first story. Chiyo wrote slowly, and took great pains with the small amount of work which she did publish. She united two dominant types of Japanese fiction: the *nikki* or court diaries, which women wrote a thousand years ago in Japan; and the *watakushi-shosetsu*, or "I-novel", a confiding, autobiographical approach to fiction.

Confessions of Love, her longest story, had its genesis in her affair with a painter, Togo Seiji. In 1929 Seiji and his lover Mitsuko, the daughter of a rear-admiral, entered into a suicide pact. Exhausted by their complicated private affairs, they turned on the gas, cut their throats and awaited death. But a maid walked in and, as no arteries were damaged, the two were saved.

Understandably the attempt caused a media sensation, and Chiyo went to see Seiji to hear his account of the story. This intended fact-finding mission ended with Chiyo and Seiji falling upon each other, frenziedly, on the blood-stained couch which had been used for the suicide attempt.

They remained together for the next five years, by which time Chiyo had prized out of her lover the whole tangled story, and had her account of it serialised in *Chuo Koron*.

In 1936 she founded *Suzairu* (Style), the country's first fashion magazine. Incongruous articles with a Western flavour, like "The Beauty of a Suntan and How It Can Be Yours" proved popular with Japanese girls. However, the journal was deemed unpatriotic and frivolous in the war. Chiyo changed its name temporarily during hostilities to *Josei Seikatsu* (Woman's Life) and began to celebrate the beauties of the kimono instead. She became probably more famous in Japan for her kimono designs than for her writing.

The Style empire did not finally close until 1959, after being investigated for tax fraud (Chiyo admitted to being a lazy bookkeeper). During the 1950s she worked steadily on another novel, *Ohan*, her masterpiece, about a complicated triangular relationship between a man, his wife and a geisha.

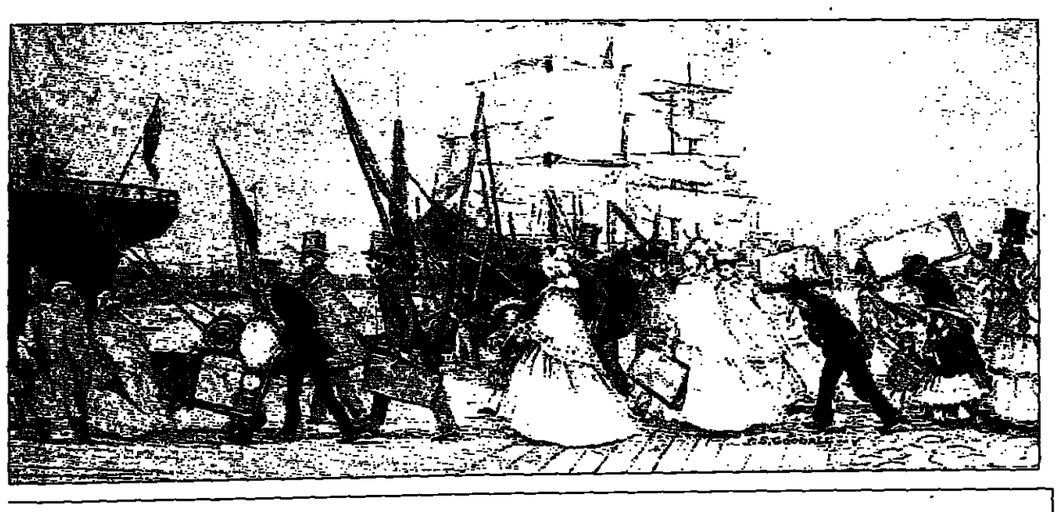
She was sixty when she finished the book, and decided on a complete change of lifestyle. She had been married three times by now, and was sickened by her dependence on men. She wanted to get back to nature, and bought some land in the Nasu mountains, where she built a cabin. There she wrote a semi-fictionalised autobiography, *Aru hitori no onna no hanashi* (The Story of Single Woman).

Her writing, once she stopped constraining herself into the mould of *femme fatale*, matured and blossomed. She surprised herself, as well as her critics, by becoming in later years, quite a talented writer.

From the mid-1970s Chiyo, the great survivor, began to be feted as the grand-dame of Japanese letters. She continued to write, but as she had given up love affairs, was forced to look outside herself for fresh material. So she travelled to out-of-the-way villages, and interviewed the inhabitants for local history and folk stories. Of these, *Usuzumi no sakura* (The Gray Cherry Tree), full of humour and pragmatism, and celebrating the strength of women, was a particular triumph.

She kept her boutique selling kimonos. Her secret to long life, when she was approached by inquisitive reporters, was to drink plenty of water, and to do exactly what one wanted.

JOHN STRICKLAND GOODALL



John Strickland Goodall, artist and illustrator, died on June 2 aged 87. He was born on June 7, 1908.

AN artist whose conventional but vividly descriptive style best suited him for the work of an illustrator, John Strickland Goodall became widely known for the Edwardian-style watercolours of his children's books. These, of which the most popular were the *Paddy Pork* and *Shrewbettina* series, related the various adventures of their eponymous protagonists by means of pictures alone.

Goodall used the same wordless format in his renderings of English social history in *Victorians Abroad* and *An Edwardian Christmas*. It was from these that his later watercolours developed, quaint scenes typifying Victorian and Edwardian life, some of which were made into greetings cards.

Born in Norfolk, John Strickland Goodall came of a distinguished line of medical men. For seven generations his family had been doctors, surgeons and apothecaries and it was naturally expected that he would carry on the tradition. His father, a Harley Street physician, was disappointed, and not a little nonplussed, when his son showed not the slightest inclination to do so. Instead, as soon as he was old enough to hold a pencil, Goodall was most often to be found drawing.

At school at Harrow he earned quite a reputation among his classmates for his sharp caricatures of the schoolmasters. The masters, in their turn, gradually gave up on him academically, and he was allowed to spend more and more time in the art room.

By the time he was ready to leave school, it was evident that he would not be going to Cambridge as his father had intended. Instead in 1925 he enrolled as a student at the Royal Academy School of Art. It was a rude awakening for a boy who, praised for his talents, had nurtured a sneaking suspicion that he might be a genius. On his first day there, his portfolio was looked over by Sir Walter Russell, the keeper of the school, who merely raised his eyebrows, shook his head and passed on. Goodall's laboured technique was fifty years out of date, and his "facile knack of catching a likeness" was not applauded. He had to unlearn almost everything he had ever known.

On leaving the academy in 1929 Goodall's first job was as a fortnightly contributor of pen and ink drawings to *Radio Times*. He went on working as an illustrator for this and other publications such as *The Bystander* until the outbreak of the Second World War when, already a member of the Territorial Army, he was called up and posted to India. There he was a member of a somewhat ill-defined unit whose principal aim was to deceive the enemy. He found himself designing dummy replicas of tanks, strings of mules, aeroplanes, bomb craters and even ghosts, the last intended to frighten the Japanese.



Goodall's first exhibition was held in 1943 at the Government School of Art in Calcutta. It was of landscape paintings which he had done while on leave in Kashmir.

When the war was over Goodall and his wife Margaret, whom he had met at art school, went to live in Wiltshire where he continued to paint. He pursued the portraiture at which he had always been adept, and among his sitters he was to include the Duchess of Kent and Michael Redgrave. He also travelled extensively during this time.

In 1970, however, Goodall's wife fell ill and for the next 20 years he was to devote himself to caring for her. For weeks on end he would scarcely leave the house. It was while he sat sentinel at her bedside that he first formulated his idea for children's books which, with pictures but no words, would allow children to formulate their own narratives. Needing no translation, they have been marketed all over the world with great success.

Goodall continued to paint after his wife died in 1989. For the last ten years of his life he held an annual show at the Christopher Wood gallery.

He is survived by a daughter.

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LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR AFRICAN LEADERS

From Our Correspondent
Pretoria, June 12

Nelson Mandela and the seven other men found guilty yesterday of sabotage and plotting violent revolution were today all sentenced to life imprisonment.

Judge-President Quartus de Wet said that the crime on which they had been found guilty was in essence one of high treason. He added that the State had decided not to treat the crime in this form. Allowing for this: "I have decided not to impose the supreme penalty." But that was the only leniency he could show.

The judge said he had heard in mitigation the submission that the accused were recognised political leaders and had been motivated in their acts by a desire to alleviate the grievances of the African people in this country. He was by no means convinced that this was so. "People who organise revolution usually plan to take over the Government as well through personal ambition," he declared. It was the function of the court to enforce the laws of South Africa.

The accused showed no emotion on being sentenced. They were: Nelson Mandela, 46; Walter Sisulu, 52, former secretary-general of the banned African National Congress; Dennis Goldberg, 33, a white man, a former leader of the banned Congress of Democrats; Govan Mbeki; Raymond Mhlaba, 44; Elias Motsoaledi, 39; Andrew Mlangeni, 38 (all ANC officials); and Ahmed Kathrada, an Indian and former leader of the Indian National Congress.

Before the sentence was read several hundred police surrounded the court building and patrolled Pretoria's Church Square facing the court. Whites outnumbered Africans in the crowds in Church Square. For hours members of both races stood silently to await the sentencing. At the end, a group of African women suddenly unfurled canvas painted banners bearing the words: "You will not serve these years as long as we live." "We are proud of our leaders," and "A milestone of freedom has been reached." Holding the banners in front of them the women sang "Nkosi Sikelele Afrika" (God Bless Africa) until police with linked arms cleared the roadway in front of the court and seized their banners.

Alan Paton, author of *Cry, the Beloved Country*, made an appeal in court for clemency for the accused. Mr Paton said that as the national president of the Liberal Party he knew Mandela, Sisulu and Mbeki well. He described Mandela as "heir apparent" to Albert Luthuli, the former ANC leader. "I have the highest regard for him — he holds a very high position in the African community. His name among Africans is as well known as Luthuli." Mr Paton said. He described Mandela, Sisulu and Mbeki as "men of "sincerity and deep devotion to their people".

Life sentences in South Africa can actually last a lifetime, but the State President reviews all cases after 21 years and can commute the sentence. Before that the prisons board can reduce sentences. It is possible, for prisoners, to be freed after 12 to 15 years. - *Reuter*

ON THIS DAY

June 13, 1964

It is more than 30 years since Nelson Mandela and seven others were found guilty of sabotage and plotting violent revolution and were sentenced to life imprisonment

London selector takes £1,000 prize

Gascoigne proves a real winner in opening round

MASSINO GANZOTTO, from London, is the first winner in *The Times*'s Euro Interactive Team Football competition, run in association with Winterthur. His team, Real Dicenza, has won the first prize in section one of Euro ITF, which finished with the opening round of group matches. Mr Ganzotto, whose team scored 32 points, one more than his nearest rivals, even managed to win with an England player, Paul Gascoigne, in his side.

His judicious selection wins him £1,000 for the highest score of the section and puts him in pole position in the race for the overall £25,000 prize for the top selector in Euro ITF.

Mr Ganzotto's winning XI contains several team "units", with two Holland defenders alongside two from Croatia, all of whom prevented their respective opponents from scoring in their opening matches. He might, though, consider jettisoning Gascoigne if the England midfield player's form against Switzerland does not improve significantly against Scotland at Wembley on Saturday.

Mr Ganzotto's team was:

Goalkeeper
Andreas Köpke (Germany)

Full backs
Winston Bogarde (Holland)
Michael Reiziger (Holland)

Central defenders
Nikola Jerkan (Croatia)
Slaven Bilic (Croatia)

Midfield players
Zinedine Zidane (France)
Demetrio Albertini (Italy)
Paul Gascoigne (England)
Alessandro del Piero (Italy)

Strikers
Hristo Stoichkov (Bulgaria)
Gheorghe Hagi (Romania)

Manager
Berti Vogts (Germany).

The race for the overall prize of £25,000 continues, however.

THE TIMES EURO ITF Interactive Team Football

In association with winterthur

As the European championship finals move into the second round of group matches today, Euro ITF selectors now have a better idea of how their players are performing under the pressures of competition. Pierluigi Casiraghi's brace of goals for Italy against Russia has made him a possible contender for a transfer, for example. Andy Goram's outstanding display in goal for Scotland against Holland might also tempt some Euro ITF selectors.

Another factor that has emerged in the first few days of Euro 96 is the proliferation of red and yellow cards — 47 cautions and two sendings off in the first eight matches. As indiscipline will cost you points, it will be worth casting an eye over the teams that have attracted the referee's attention. The full list of bookings and dismissals can be found on page 44 today.

Particularly hard hit have been the Germans (surprisingly), the Bulgarians, the Portuguese and the Spanish, all teams fancied to do well in the tournament. In Euro ITF, every goal your players score and every card they receive counts. And good defence is rewarded too.

Euro ITF reflects the real world of Euro 96. It is up to you to prove your selection skills by picking a team to beat the best. Having done that, you may attempt to improve your points-scoring potential by using the transfer system.

Your team must always be in line with the format of one goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You may not pick more than two individuals (player or manager) from the same country. You must also include one Rising Star (but no more than one) in your team and those players, 16 promising footballers — one from each country. The Rising Stars are:

Full backs: Radostin Kishishev (Bulgaria); Jacob Laursen (Denmark); Gary Neville (England).

Midfield players: Mario Stanic (Croatia); Patrik Berger (Czech Republic); Zinedine Zidane (France); Mehmet Scholl (Germany); Edgar Davids (Holland); Iulian Filipescu (Romania); Johan Vögel (Switzerland); Sergen Yalcin (Turkey).

Strikers: Enrico Chiesa (Italy); Antonio Folha (Portugal); Vladimir Beschastnykh (Russia); Scott Booth (Scotland); Kiko Narvaez (Spain).

When you are considering a transfer, you might bear in mind the use of the squad system. It might persuade Euro ITF selectors to transfer players who have not featured thus far in Euro 96. Arrigo Sacchi, the Italy coach, has hinted that he might start with Ravanelli in place of Casiraghi for the game with the Czech Republic tomorrow.

The Euro ITF competition is separated into five transfer sections. For each section, you may transfer up to five individual players (including the manager), but it is important to note that you may only use the transfer facility once for each team. If used more than once, that team will revert to its original form.

During Section 2 (from today to Sunday, June 16 inclusive), team selectors may register their next transfers, which will become effective for matches in Section 3, and during Section 3 (Tuesday, June 18 to Wednesday, June 19 inclusive), they may register their transfers which will become effective for matches in Section 4.

During Section 4, which covers the four quarter-finals, team selectors may now choose up to four individuals from any one country, which will become effective for Section 5, which covers the semi-finals and the final.

☐ ***All queries on Euro Interactive Team Football should be directed to 0171 757 7016.***



Pierluigi Casiraghi celebrates his decisive second goal against Russia on Tuesday. His goalscoring talents could be useful for Euro ITF

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HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN EURO ITF

All matches in Euro 96 season count for points. Every goal and penalty counts

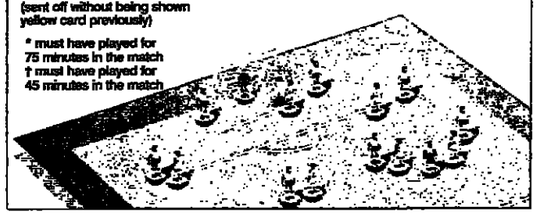
POINTS SCORED

GOALKEEPER		Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+2
Keeps clean sheet* (excluding penalty shoot-out)	+4	**STRIKER**	
Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+3	Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+2
Saves penalty in penalty shoot-out	+3	**ALL PLAYERS**	
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER		Appearance†	+1
Keeps clean sheet* (excluding penalty shoot-out)	+3	Score goal in extra time	+4
Scores goal (including penalty shoot-out)	+3	**MANAGER**	
MIDFIELD PLAYER		Team wins in group match	+3
Keeps clean sheet* (excluding penalty shoot-out)	+1	Team draws in group match	+1
		Team wins in quarter-final, semi-final or final	+6

POINTS DEDUCTED

GOALKEEPER		**ALL PLAYERS**	
Concedes goal (including penalty shoot-out)	-2	Concedes penalty	-1
FULL BACK/CENTRAL DEFENDER		Misses penalty (including penalty shoot-out)	-1
Concedes goal (excluding penalty shoot-out)	-2	Scores own goal	-1
ALL PLAYERS		**MANAGER**	
Yellow card	-1	Team loses in group match	-1
Second yellow card (sent off with red card)	-2	Team loses in quarter-final, semi-final or final	-3
Red card (sent off without being shown yellow card previously)	-3		

* must have played for 75 minutes in the match
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match



HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN EURO ITF

Call 0891 333 335

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If calling from the Republic of Ireland call 004 4990 200 635

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selector's PIN. Follow the simple instructions and use the players' five-digit codes.

During a transfer period, you may make up to five transfers but may only call the transfer line once per team.

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For section five only you may transfer up to five individuals (including the manager), maintaining the team format and rising star restrictions but you may pick up to four individuals from the same country.

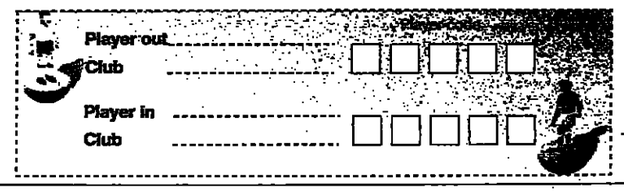
SECTION ONE (Saturday June 8 to Tuesday June 11): completed.

SECTION TWO (Thursday June 13 to Sunday June 16): transfers may be made up until 2.30pm today and will be effective from the commencement of section two.

SECTION THREE (Tuesday June 18 to Wednesday June 19): transfers may be made from 4.30pm today until 2.30pm on Tuesday June 18 and will be effective from the commencement of section three.

SECTION FOUR (Saturday June 22 to Sunday June 23): transfers may be made from 4.30pm on Tuesday June 18 until 1pm on Saturday June 22 and will be effective from the commencement of section four.

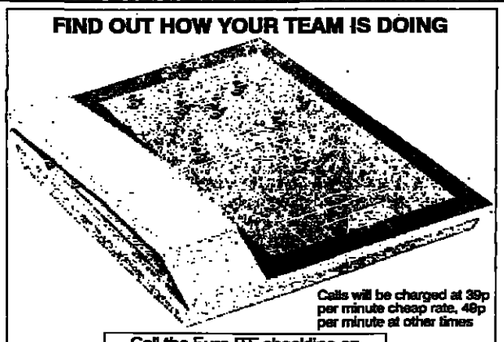
SECTION FIVE (Wednesday June 26 to Sunday June 30): transfers may be made from 3pm on Saturday June 22 until 2pm on Wednesday June 26 and will be effective from the commencement of section five.



THE TOP 250 PLAYERS IN EURO INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Real Dicenza	(M Ganzotto)	32
2	Naff All 4	(W Phillips)	31
2	Gazza's Euro Party	(J Cotter)	31
2	Cossacks Wanders	(C Lenane)	31
5	Play Eric 2	(R Pacitti)	30
5	Fors Fortuna	(S Clifford)	30
5	Disco Culo	(J Nicol)	30
5	Dodgy Seaman Utd	(J Marchetti)	30
9	Paul's Boutique	(A Durack)	29
9	Bizaar Peaches	(M Porna)	29
9	Euro Giants	(R Morris)	29
9	Euro Elite	(E Eagle)	29
9	JCB 1	(J Bingham)	29
9	One Lopez	(S Wright)	29
9	Jigsaw's 1st XI	(J Barker)	29
16	Calcio Buffo	(J McGinniss)	28
16	Super Basil	(C Brooks)	28
16	Nobby 19	(J Brown)	28
16	A Wing And A Prayer	(R Clutterbuck)	28
16	Tur's Heroes	(L Singh)	28
16	Irvings Icons	(I D Irving)	28
16	Stroudwell United	(G Trail)	28
16	Quatrio	(T J Barkwill)	28
16	Very Much So	(R S Robinson)	28
16	Berti's Bubies	(A Matthies)	28
16	Euro Eight	(G Sawicki)	28
16	Athletico Trunky	(M Trower)	28
28	Euroclowns	(J Tuominen)	27
28	Hookstars Handfull	(E Hook)	27
28	De Formed	(M Baber)	27
28	Larger Louts	(S Burchfield)	27
28	Spankdfalglnnas	(P Young)	27
28	Jaime Almé Jacquet	(D Powell)	27
28	Goodfellas	(V Beeharie)	27
28	Jacquet Potatoes	(P Banham)	27
↕ 28	Gallfmaufry Ogg	(C Hallings-Pott)	27
28	7 Lobs	(P Johnson)	27
28	BSEFC	(S Uddin)	27
28	—	(A Olsen)	27
28	Don't Finish 2nd	(I Ralph)	27
28	Pacific Gazza	(S Wren)	27
28	Braveheart Albion	(R Latham)	27
↕ 28	Rush One	(N Rush)	27
↕ 28	Ian's Euro Elite	(I Thomas)	27
28	Oscar	(G Moreland)	27
28	Real Lethargic	(I Pounde)	27
28	Toby's Team	(C Jones)	27
28	Ooh Ash	(N Blakesley)	27
28	The 4X Tops	(C Fordham)	27
↕ 28	Kaspers Kaisers	(H J Ketelsen)	27
↕ 51	Euro Class XIII	(A Siddiq)	26
51	Active EUC	(A Gombas)	26
51	Slept Against E	(S Shipley)	26
51	Beardless 2	(J Hampson)	26
51	Refer Rovers	(A Ingham)	26
51	Ana's Boys	(A Garcia)	26
51	Vaijo	(J C Strange)	26
↕ 51	What A Goal! XI	(J R Ennis)	26
51	SSS	(Mr Singh)	26
51	Sognia Gloria	(A Stollo)	26
51	Flying Gunners	(T Doyle)	26
51	Two Halves United	(J Barton)	26
51	Real Mearenside	(I Matthews)	26
51	Never Land	(A Green)	26
51	3 Lions United	(R Pollington)	26
51	Power Rangers	(G Brothers)	26
51	Ras D	(D Shuter)	26
51	Jimmy's Giants	(J Saunders)	26
69	alfaromeo145	(R Hermann)	25

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



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0891 774 796
From Ireland call 004 4990 200 504

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selector's PIN.
The line is open from noon each day

69	Euro Monton	(O Rahman)	25
69	Tom's Boys 2	(M Jones)	25
69	F1FC	(T Robson)	25
69	Set Against C	(S Shipley)	25
69	Ringsend Reserves	(S Moran)	25
69	Puppy Dreamers	(E Ross)	25
69	—		25
69	Terrys Wo	(C Cummings)	25
69	Eurowot	(C Johnson)	25
69	G-Force	(G Fisher)	25
69	Elite Squad IV	(A Qayum-Shakoor)	25
69	Oasis	(S Brosnan)	25
69	Go Forward	(G D Ottowell)	25
69	Holborn Hughies	(J Savory)	25
69	That's All Vogts	(C Bellamy)	25
69	Poopaicaka FC	(S Watkins)	25
69	Van der Sar	(T Kaiber)	25
69	Ecu AFC	(D Tsang)	25
69	Crusaders	(S Clifford)	25
69	Nenagh Nuts	(B Ryan)	25
69	13 Lobs	(P Johnson)	25
69	Euro Toon Army	(J Hunter)	25
69	Just Look At His Fac	(B Weale)	25
69	Boban's Boys	(A Peake)	25
69	Goals Galore	(S Pritchard)	25
69	The Prodigy	(H Denison)	25
69	Pricey Punters	(K Telling)	25
69	The Golden Boys Thre	(D Goodenham)	25
69	Ras A	(Mr Shuter)	25
69	The Eurocrats	(R A Peebles)	25
69	Raj Rovers	(G Brothers)	25
69	Brownhills Stars	(C Palmer)	25
69	Das Boot	(D A Sutton)	25
69	ITF United Europe	(A Woodmass)	25
69	Strike First	(P Foster)	25
69	Junglist's Posse	(E Aarons)	25
69	Urban Pastuties	(J Beck)	25
69	TTIAOIIN!!	(J Hughes)	25
69	Penguin Pie Utd	(P Bradley)	25
69	Inter Euro 96	(C Pennington)	25
69	Bitic Fan Club	(S Allen)	25
69	Chorleys Boys Three	(J Chorley)	25
69	Troy Town Bucaneers	(C Hanson)	25
69	Vintage Victals	(A Viner)	25
69	—	(S Jeffries)	25
69	—	(S Hudson)	25
69	Euro Elite	(P Lewis)	25
69	Ammer 1	(A Tufail)	25
69	Clarkland	(S Clark)	25
69	Velvet Overground	(P R Foster)	25
69	Inter Europe	(A Gaita)	25
121	Langton Longballs	(M Ward)	24
121	Dynamo C'Pacific	(P McMurtrie)	24
121	MCTV	(S Collins)	24
121	AC Millans	(S Wood)	24
121	Super Sonics	(S Puccini)	24
121	Kirkby Kickers	(M Brennan)	24
121	The Nightmare Team	(M Berry)	24
121	Bagery Super Stars		24
121	Anders United	(A Cooper)	24
121	Intoco	(W Naughton)	24
121	Cat's Dream Team	(C Tienny)	24
121	The Bullets	(I Harrison)	24
121	Garbos Greats	(J Garbett)	24
121	Eusebio's Revenge	(D Watson)	24
121	Metabury Stiligo	(C Falzen)	24
121	Shooting Stars	(T Mansfield)	24
121	Nobby 17	(J Browne)	24
121	Scots XI	(R Tierney)	24
121	Duchesses Dynamos	(I Hall)	24
121	Athletico Billy Whiz	(A Irvine)	24
121	Tasatikta	(A Matthies)	24
121	Tiger Cabs	(C Beck)	24
121	Kampung Talping FC	(C Yin Tan)	24
121	Terry's Turnips	(C Gee)	24
121	Fat Bottom Girls	(S Kershaw)	24
121	Eurocrats	(A Burhan)	24
121	Kolek Tigers	(A Z A Ghani)	24
121	The Best	(M Cunningham)	24
121	Peyez X	(P Mestachian)	24
121	The Mavericks	(J Ubani)	24
121	Have We Won Yet?	(D Hopkins)	24
121	Eat My Shorts	(C Moore)	24
121	Across The Board	(T W Tobin)	24
121	Kermit's Legs 2	(D Griffin)	24
121	Dynamo Dazski	(D Crosby)	24
121	Isla	(K Shear)	24
121	Euro Heroes	(G Biskupek)	24
121	King Mel O Srilanka	(M Perera)	24
121	Where's Matty?	(P Salway)	24
121	27 Lobs	(P Johnson)	24
121	Euro All Stars	(J Tan)	24
121	Gall's Goals	(S Gall)	24
121	The New Style	(B Griffiths)	24
121	Dyamo Durchvale	(R Bowker)	24
121	Biffins Brouge	(N Jenkings)	24
121	Lund Twos	(B Lund)	24
121	Nobby 19	(J Brown)	24
121	Groin Strain	(S Buddy)	24
121	Garforth Greats	(M Gibson)	24
121	Trevor's Tigers	(T Smith)	24
121	Super Doms 7	(D Teuma)	24
121	Queenswood United	(D Kitchiner)	24
121	Apache	(P Darrow)	24
121	Etarbia	(E F Tarbard)	24
121	Outsiders	(B White)	24
121	Ishwar Chunks	(G Brothers)	24
121	Pure 96	(P Ure)	24
121	Forgotten Few	(G L Cowlam)	24
121	Cyber Squad	(G Brothers)	24
121	Demolition Men	(G Brothers)	24
121	The Glory Boys	(A Worden)	24
121	Forza Wolves	(D Wilding)	24
121	Ras B	(D Shuter)	24
121	Euroceptics XI	(R Ballantyne)	24
121	Hutch Eleven	(M Hutchinson)	24
121	Dennis's Barmy Army	(D Mahon)	24
121	Where's Bob?	(R M Thain)	24
121	The Heartwork EP	(N Amanovic)	24
121	Sorry Teddy	(S Blantz)	24
121	Schpod's 1st XI	(J Bonny)	24
121	We're So Perfect	(K Pearson)	24
121	Barking Tifosi	(R Williams)	24
121	Mark's Mean Machine	(M Stevens)	24
121	—		24
121	Welsh Bitter Eleven	(L Lynn)	24
121	Eurostarsontime	(J Miller)	24
121	Trytown Cubs	(C Anson)	24
121	GG4	(J Goody)	24
121	Eurostar	(A Bussey)	24
121	Untalented Eleven	(I Williams)	24
121	Sam Dan Joel FC	(S York)	24
121	Eurobore	(R S Robinson)	24
121	The Anchormen	(R S Robinson)	24
121	Black Narcissus	(M A Jeques)	24
121	The Okine XI	(A Okine)	24
121	Pants	(P King)	24
121	Bob's Beauties	(R Bradley)	24
121	Blue Danube	(J Rafferty)	24
209	Deydontdodatdere	(T Kelly)	23
209	Malaysian Choice	(P Lung)	23
209	Sad men of soccer	(P Wool)	23
209	Peg's Players	(D Thompson)	23
209	Tubby Unathletic	(J Everitt)	23
209	highscore1	(E Blank)	23
209	Ou	(N Forshaugh)	23
209	Real Madlocks	(P Allen)	23
209	The Ankle Tappers	(P Crossley)	23
209	Pot-de-vin	(A Sanderford)	23
209	Acky's Army	(S Ackton)	23
209	Red Devils Are March		23
209	Levro No 4	(A Polisel)	23
209	Oscars Hornets	(A Moore)	23
209	Zabauka XI	(R Water)	23
209	Tosham	(S Cosham)	23
209	—		23
209	Taunton Team 1	(S Gill)	23
209	No More Cat	(P Rees)	23
209	—		23
209	—		23
209	Euro Chumps	(P Lee)	23
209	Leo 2	(R A Jones)	23
209	Luton R'scum	(K Markeson)	23
209	The Rash Bashers	(A Sweetman)	23
209	Inter Mafiosi	(E Lazenby)	23
209	Welsh Wonders	(A Nosworthy)	23
209	Its Coming Home FC	(P Jeffery)	23
209	I Never Do Well! FC	(I Buckley)	23
209	Harvs Heros	(H S Sidhu)	23
209	Mr Morton	(M Hansen)	23
209	The Lacemakers	(D Wade)	23
209	The Euromix	(R D Bell)	23
209	Silk	(A Zaman)	23
209	The Kings Of Europe	(I Shah)	23
209	Toad's Revenge	(N R Lewer)	23
209	Rob's Yobs	(G A Hayward)	23
209	All Out Attack	(I McCann)	23
209	Rob's Superstars	(R Swan)	23
209	Winspers Boys	(D Winsper)	23
209	Dawes Euro Kings	(J Dawes)	23
209	Dan's Euro Stars	(D Ray)	23

Check your players' points in Euro Interactive Team Football

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	(Country, club)	Wk	Cum
10101	Boris Mykhailov	(Bulgaria, Reading)	-1	-1
10102	Dimitar Popov	(Bulgaria, CSKA)	0	0
10103	Zdravko Zdravkov	(Bulgaria, Slavia Sofia)	0	0
10201	Tonci Gabric	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0	0
10202	Drazen Ladic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	+5	+5
10203	Marijan Mrmic	(Croatia, Varteks Varazdin)	0	0
10301	Petr Kouba	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	-3	-3
10302	Ludek Miklosko	(Czech Rep, West Ham United)	0	0
10303	Pavel Srnicek	(Czech Rep, Newcastle United)	0	0
10304	Ladislav Maier	(Czech Rep, Slovan Liberec)	0	0
10401	Lars Hogh	(Denmark, Odense)	0	0
10402	Mogens Krogh	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
10403	Peter Schmeichel	(Denmark, Manchester United)	-1	-1
10501	Tim Flowers	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	0	0
10502	David Seaman	(England, Arsenal)	-1	-1
10503	Ian Walker	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	0	0
10601	Fabien Barthez	(France, Monaco)	0	0
10602	Bernard Lama	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+5	+5
10603	Bruno Martini	(France, Montpellier)	0	0
10701	Oliver Kahn	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
10702	Stefan Klos	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
10703	Andreas Köpke	(Germany, Eintracht Frankfurt)	+5	+5
10704	Oliver Reck	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
10801	Ed de Goey	(Holland, Feyenoord)	0	0
10802	Edwin van der Sar	(Holland, Ajax)	+5	+5
10803	Ruud Hesp	(Holland, Roda JC)	0	0
10901	Luca Bucci	(Italy, Parma)	0	0
10902	Angelo Peruzzi	(Italy, Juventus)	-1	-1
10903	Francesco Toldo	(Italy, Fiorentina)	0	0
11001	Vitor Baia	(Portugal, Porto)	-1	-1
11002	Alfredo Castro	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
11003	Rui Correia	(Portugal, Braga)	0	0
11004	Paulo Costinha	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
11101	Florin Tene	(Romania, Rapid Bucharest)	0	0
11102	Florin Prunea	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	0	0
11103	Bogdan Stelea	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-1	-1
11201	Stanislav Cherchesov	(Russia, FC Tyrol)	-3	-3
11202	Dmitri Kharine	(Russia, Chelsea)	0	0
11203	Sergei Ovchinnikov	(Russia, Lokomotiv Moscow)	0	0
11301	Andy Goram	(Scotland, Rangers)	+5	+5
11302	Jim Leighton	(Scotland, Hibernian)	0	0
11303	Nicky Walker	(Scotland, Partick Thistle)	0	0
11401	Andoni Zubizarreta	(Spain, Valencia)	-1	-1
11402	Santiago Cañizares	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	0
11403	Jose Molina	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
11501	Stephane Lehmann	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
11502	Marco Pascolo	(Switzerland, Servette)	-1	-1
11503	Pascal Zuberbuhler	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
11504	Joel Corminboeuf	(Switzerland, Neuchatel)	0	0
11601	Ipekoglu Engin	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0	0
11602	Rustu Recber	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	-1	-1
11603	Erkan Adnan	(Turkey, Ankaragucuspor)	0	0
11604	Goymen Sanver	(Turkey, Altayspor)	0	0

FULL BACKS

20131	Ilian Kiryakov	(Bulgaria, Anorthosis)	+1	+1
20132	Radostin Kishishev	(Bulgaria, Neftohimik Bourgas)	-2	-2
20133	Emil Kremenliev	(Bulgaria, Olympiakos)	0	0
20134	Tzanko Tsvetanov	(Bulgaria, Waldhof Mannheim)	-2	-2
20231	Elvis Brajkovic	(Croatia, Bayern Munich)	0	0
20232	Robert Jarni	(Croatia, Real Betis)	+4	+4
20233	Nikola Jurcevic	(Croatia, Freiburg)	0	0
20234	Dario Simic	(Croatia, FC Croatia)	0	0
20331	Radoslav Latal	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	-3	-3
20332	Jiri Lerch	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
20333	Tomas Repka	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
20334	Jan Suchoparek	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	-3	-3
20335	Martin Kotulek	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0	0
20431	Thomas Helveg	(Denmark, Udinese)	-2	-2
20432	Jacob Laursen	(Denmark, Silkeborg)	0	0
20433	Torben Piechnik	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0	0
20434	Jens Rilsager	(Denmark, Brondby)	-2	-2
20531	Rob Jones	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
20532	Gary Neville	(England, Manchester United)	-2	-2
20533	Philip Neville	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
20534	Stuart Pearce	(England, Nottingham Forest)	-2	-2
20535	Sol Campbell	(England, Tottenham)	0	0
20631	Jocelyn Angloma	(France, Turin)	0	0
20632	Eric di Meco	(France, Monaco)	0	0
20633	Bixente Lizarazu	(France, Bordeaux)	0	0
20634	Lilian Thuram	(France, Monaco)	+4	+4
20731	Stefan Reuter	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+3	+3
20732	Rene Schneider	(Germany, Rostock)	0	0
20831	Frank de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	0	0
20832	Winston Bogarde	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+4
20833	Michael Reiziger	(Holland, Ajax)	+4	+4
20931	Luigi Apolloni	(Italy, Parma)	-1	-1
20932	Amedeo Carboni	(Italy, Roma)	0	0
20933	Paolo Maldini	(Italy, AC Milan)	-1	-1
20934	Roberto Mussi	(Italy, Parma)	-1	-1
21031	Fernando Nelson	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
21032	Paulinho Santos	(Portugal, Porto)	-2	-2
21033	Carlos Secretario	(Portugal, Porto)	0	0
21034	José Tavares	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
21035	Dimas Teixeira	(Portugal, Benfica)	-1	-1
21131	Cornellu Papura	(Romania, Universitatea Craiova)	0	0
21132	Dan Petrescu	(Romania, Chelsea)	-1	-1
21133	Tibor Selymes	(Romania, Cercle Bruges)	-2	-2
21231	Yuri Kovtun	(Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	-4	-4
21232	Ramiz Mamedov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
21233	Sergei Gorlukovich	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
21331	Tommy Boyd	(Scotland, Celtic)	+3	+3
21332	Craig Burley	(Scotland, Chelsea)	0	0
21333	Stewart McKimmie	(Scotland, Aberdeen)	+4	+4
21334	Brian O'Neill	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	0
21335	Tosh McKinlay	(Scotland, Celtic)	0	0
21431	Sergi Barjuan	(Spain, Barcelona)	-3	-3
21432	Alberto Belsue	(Spain, Real Zaragoza)	-1	-1
21433	Albert Ferrer	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
21434	Jorge Otero	(Spain, Valencia)	0	0
21435	J M Lopez Martínez	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
21531	Marc Hottiger	(Switzerland, Everton)	0	0
21532	Yvan Quentin	(Switzerland, Sion)	-2	-2
21533	Sebastien Jeanneret	(Switzerland, Neuchatel)	-1	-1
21534	Raphael Wicky	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
21631	Recep Cetin	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	0
21632	Inceefe Vedat	(Turkey, DC Karabukspor)	-1	-1

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

30131	Krasimir Chomakov	(Bulgaria, Maritsa Plovdiv)	0	0
30132	Valentil Dartilov	(Bulgaria, Levski Sofia)	0	0
30133	Gosho Guinchev	(Bulgaria, Denizlispor)	0	0
30134	Petar Hubchev	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	-2	-2
30135	Trifon Ivanov	(Bulgaria, Rapid Vienna)	-1	-1
30231	Slaven Bilic	(Croatia, West Ham United)	+4	+4
30232	Nikola Jerkan	(Croatia, Real Oviedo)	+4	+4
30233	Dubravko Pavlicic	(Croatia, Hercules)	0	0
30234	Zvonimir Soldo	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	-1	-1
30235	Igor Stimac	(Croatia, Derby County)	+4	+4
30331	Michal Hornak	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	-3	-3
30332	Miroslav Kadlec	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	-4	-4
30333	Lubos Kubik	(Czech Rep, Petra Drnovice)	0	0
30334	Karel Rada	(Czech Rep, Sigma Olomouc)	0	0
30431	Jes Hogh	(Denmark, Fenerbahce)	-1	-1
30432	Lars Olsen	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
30433	Marc Rieper	(Denmark, West Ham United)	-1	-1
30531	Tony Adams	(England, Arsenal)	-2	-2
30532	Gary Pallister	(England, Manchester United)	0	0
30533	Gareth Southgate	(England, Aston Villa)	-1	-1
30534	Steve Howey	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
30631	Laurent Blanc	(France, Auxerre)	+4	+4
30632	Marcel Desailly	(France, AC Milan)	+4	+4
30633	Franck LeBouef	(France, Strasbourg)	0	0
30634	Alain Roche	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	0	0
30731	Markus Babbel	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+3	+3
30732	Thomas Helmer	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+4	+4
30733	Jürgen Kohler	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
30734	Matthias Sammer	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+4	+4
30831	Danny Blind	(Holland, Ajax)	0	0
30832	Johan de Kock	(Holland, Roda JC)	+4	+4
30833	Stan Valckx	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
30834	John Veldman	(Holland, Sparta Rotterdam)	0	0
30931	Alessandro Costacurta	(Italy, AC Milan)	-1	-1
30932	Ciro Ferrara	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
30933	Moreno Torricelli	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
30934	Alessandro Nesta	(Italy, Lazio)	0	0
31031	Fernando Couto	(Portugal, Parma)	-1	-1
31032	Helder Cristovao	(Portugal, Benfica)	-1	-1
31033	Paulo Madeira	(Portugal, Belenenses)	0	0
31034	Carlos Magalhaes	(Portugal, Boavista)	0	0
31035	Fernando Mendes	(Portugal, Belenenses)	0	0
31131	Anton Dobos	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
31132	Gheorghe Mihali	(Romania, Guingamp)	-2	-2
31133	Gheorghe Popescu	(Romania, Barcelona)	-1	-1
31134	Daniel Prodan	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
31135	Miodrag Belodedici	(Romania, Villareal)	-1	-1



Möller, who scored one of Germany's goals against the Czech Republic

31231	Yevgeny Bushmanov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	-1	-1
31232	Yuri Nikiforov	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
31233	Omar Tetradze	(Russia, Alania Vladikavkaz)	-3	-3
31331	Colin Calderwood	(Scotland, Tottenham Hotspur)	+4	+4
31332	Colin Hendry	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	+4	+4
31333	Alan McLaren	(Scotland, Rangers)	0	0
31334	Derek Whyte	(Scotland, Middlesbrough)	0	0
31431	Rafael Alkorta	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-1	-1
31432	Abelardo Fernandez	(Spain, Barcelona)	-2	-2
31433	Fernando Hierro	(Spain, Real Madrid)	-1	-1
31434	Miquel Angel Nadal	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
31531	Alain Geiger	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	-2	-2
31532	Stephane Henchoz	(Switzerland, Hamburg)	-1	-1
31533	Dominique Herr	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
31534	Roman Vega	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	-2	-2
31535	Regis Rothenbuhler	(Switzerland, Neuchatel)	0	0
31631	Alpay Ozala	(Turkey, Besiktas)	-1	-1
31632	Bulent Korkmaz	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	0	0
31633	Ogun Temizkanlioglu	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	-1	-1
31634	Ozkoylu Osman	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

40141	Krasimir Balakov	(Bulgaria, VfB Stuttgart)	+1	+1
40142	Daniel Bormirov	(Bulgaria, Munich 1860)	0	0
40143	Borntcho Guentchev	(Bulgaria, Luton Town)	0	0
40144	Yordan Lechkov	(Bulgaria, Hamburg)	+1	+1
40145	Zlatko Yankov	(Bulgaria, Bayer Uerdingen)	0	0
40146	Ivaylo Yordanov	(Bulgaria, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
40147	Georgi Donkov	(Bulgaria, CSKA Sofia)	0	0
40241	Aljosa Asanovic	(Croatia, Derby County)	+1	+1
40242	Zvonimir Boban	(Croatia, AC Milan)	0	0
40243	Mladen Mladenovic	(Croatia, Salzburg)	0	0
40244	Nenad Pralija	(Croatia, Hajduk Split)	0	0
40245	Robert Prosinecki	(Croatia, Barcelona)	+2	+2
40246	Mario Stanic	(Croatia, FC Bruges)	+2	+2
40341	Patrik Berger	(Czech Rep, Borussia Dortmund)	+1	+1
40342	Michal Bilek	(Czech Rep, Viktoria Zizkov)	0	0
40343	Martin Frydek	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	+1	+1
40344	Pavel Hapal	(Czech Rep, Tenerife)	0	0
40345	Pavel Nedved	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
40346	Jiri Nemec	(Czech Rep, Schalke 04)	+1	+1
40347	Vaclav Nemecek	(Czech Rep, Servette)	0	0
40348	Karel Poborsky	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	+1	+1
40349	Radek Bejbl	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
40350	Pavel Novotny	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
40441	Michael Laudrup	(Denmark, Real Madrid)	+1	+1
40442	Allan Nielsen	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
40443	Peter Neilsen	(Denmark, B Mönchengladbach)	0	0
40444	Brian Steen Nielsen	(Denmark, Odense)	+1	+1
40445	Michael Schjoenberg	(Denmark, Odense)	0	0
40446	Claus Thomsen	(Denmark, Ipswich Town)	+1	+1
40447	Kim Vilfort	(Denmark, Brondby)	0	0
40448	Henrik Larsen	(Denmark, Lyngby)	+1	+1
40449	Stig Toefting	(Denmark, Aarhus)	0	0
40541	Darren Anderton	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	+1	+1
40542	Paul Gascoigne	(England, Rangers)	+2	+2
40543	Paul Ince	(England, Internazionale)	+1	+1
40544	Robert Lee	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
40545	Steve McManaman	(England, Liverpool)	+1	+1
40546	David Platt	(England, Arsenal)	0	0
40547	Steve Stone	(England, Nottingham Forest)	0	0
40548	Dennis Wise	(England, Chelsea)	0	0
40549	Jamie Redknapp	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
40641	Didier Déschamps	(France, Juventus)	+2	+2
40642	Vincent Guerin	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+2	+2
40643	Christian Karembeu	(France, Sampdoria)	+2	+2
40644	Sabri Lamouchi	(France, Auxerre)	0	0
40645	Corentin Martins	(France, Auxerre)	0	0
40646	Zinedine Zidane	(France, Bordeaux)	+2	+2
40741	Mario Basler	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
40742	Marco Bode	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	0	0
40743	Dieter Eilts	(Germany, Werder Bremen)	+2	+2
40744	Steffen Freund	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
40745	Thomas Hässler	(Germany, Karlsruhe)	+1	+1
40746	Andreas Möller	(Germany, Borussia Dortmund)	+3	+3
40747	Mehmet Scholl	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
40748	Thomas Strunz	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
40749	Christian Ziege	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	+3	+3
40841	Edgar Davids	(Holland, Ajax)	+2	+2
40842	Ronald de Boer	(Holland, Ajax)	+1	+1
40843	Wim Jonk	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
40844	Clarence Seedorf	(Holland, Sampdoria)	+2	+2
40845	Aron Winter	(Holland, Lazio)	0	0
40846	Philip Cocu	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
40941	Demetrio Albertini	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
40942	Dino Baggio	(Italy, Parma)	0	0
40943	Antonio Conte	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
40944	Alessandro del Piero	(Italy, Juventus)	+1	+1
40945	Angelo di Livio	(Italy, Juventus)	+1	+1
40946	Roberto di Matteo	(Italy, Lazio)	+1	+1
40947	Roberto Donadoni	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
40948	Diego Fuser	(Italy, Lazio)	0	0
40949	Fabio Rossitto	(Italy, Udinese)	0	0
41041	Paulo Bento	(Portugal, Benfica)	0	0
41042	Nuno Capucho	(Portugal, Guimaraes)	0	0
41043	Rui Costa	(Portugal, Fiorentina)	+1	+1
41044	Oceano Cruz	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	-1	-1
41045	Luis Figo	(Portugal, Barcelona)	+1	+1
41046	Vitor Paneira	(Portugal, SC Vitoria)	0	0
41047	Sa Pinto	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	+2	+2
41048	Paulo Sousa	(Portugal, Juventus)	0	0
41141	Iulian Filipescu	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
41142	Ioan Angelo Lupescu	(Romania, Bayer Leverkusen)	+1	+1
41143	Dorin Mateut	(Romania, Dinamo Bucharest)	0	0
41144	Dorinel Munteanu	(Romania, Cologne)	+1	+1
41145	Horia Radu Niculescu	(Romania, National Bucharest)	0	0
41146	Nica Basarab Panduru	(Romania, Benfica)	0	0
41147	Ioan Sabau	(Romania, Brescia)	0	0
41148	Ovidiu Stinga	(Romania, Salamanca)	0	0
41241	Andrei Kanchelskis	(Russia, Everton)	+1	+1
41242	Valery Karpin	(Russia, Real Sociedad)	+1	+1
41243	Alexander Mostovoi	(Russia, Strasbourg)	+1	+1
41244	Viktor Onopko	(Russia, Oviedo)	0	0
41245	Andrei Piatnitski	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	0	0
41246	Vladislav Radimov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	+1	+1
41247	Igor Shalimov	(Russia, Udinese)	0	0
41248	Ilya Tsymbalar	(Russia, Spartak Moscow)	+3	+3
41249	Dmitry Khokhlov	(Russia, CSKA Moscow)	0	0
41250	Igor Yanovsky	(Russia, Alaniya Vladikavkaz)	+1	+1
41341	John Collins	(Scotland, Celtic)	+2	+2
41342	Scot Gemmill	(Scotland, Nottingham Forest)	0	0
41343	Gary McAllister	(Scotland, Leeds United)	+2	+2
41344	Stuart McCall	(Scotland, Rangers)	+2	+2
41345	Billy McKinlay	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0	0
41346	Pat Nevin	(Scotland, Tranmere Rovers)	0	0
41441	Jose Luis Camiñero	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
41442	Donato Gama da Silva	(Spain, Deportivo La Coruña)	0	0
41443	Jon Andoni Goikoetxea	(Spain, Athletic Bilbao)	0	0
41444	Josep Guardiola	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
41445	Julen Guerrero	(Spain, Athletic Bilbao)	+1	+1
41446	Luis Enrique Martínez	(Spain, Real Madrid)	+1	+1
41447	Guillermo Amor	(Spain, Barcelona)	0	0
41448	Jose Emilio Amavisca	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	0
41541	Thomas Bickel	(Switzerland, Vissel Kobe)	0	0
41542	Christophe Bonvin	(Switzerland, Sion)	+1	+1
41543	Sebastien Fournier	(Switzerland, Sion)	0	0
41544	Marcel Koller	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
41545	Christophe Ohrel	(Switzerland, St Etienne)	0	0
41546	Ciriaco Sforza	(Switzerland, Bayern Munich)	+1	+1
41547	Alain Sutter	(Switzerland, Freiburg)	0	0
41548	Johan Vogel	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	+1	+1
41549	Murat Yakin	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
41550	Alexander Comisetti	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	0	0
41641	Oguz Cetin	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0	0
41642	Abdullah Ercan	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	+1	+1
41643	Tolunay Kafkas	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)	0	0
41644	Tugay Kerimoglu	(Turkey, Galatasaray)	+1	+1
41645	Keskin Gokhan	(Turkey, Besiktas)	0	0
41646	Tayfun Korkut	(Turkey, Fenerbahce)	0	0
41647	Sergen Yalcin	(Turkey, Besiktas)	+1	+1
41648	Zafer Rahim	(Turkey, Gencerbirligi)	+1	+1
41649	Yigit Faruk	(Turkey, Kocaelispor)	0	0

STRIKERS

50151	Emil Kostadinov	(Bulgaria, Bayern Munich)	+1	+1
50152	Hristo Stoichkov	(Bulgaria, Parma)	+2	+2
50153	Nasko Sirakov	(Bulgaria, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50154	Lyuboslav Penev	(Bulgaria, Atlético Madrid)	+1	+1
50155	Petar Mihtarski	(Bulgaria, Campomaiorense)	0	0
50156	Ivo Gueorguiev	(Bulgaria, Spartak Varna)	0	0
50251	Alen Boksic	(Croatia, Lazio)	+1	+1
50252	Igor Cvitanovic	(Croatia, Croatia Zagreb)	0	0
50253	Ardian Kozniku	(Croatia, Cannes)	0	0
50254	Davor Suker	(Croatia, Sevilla)	+1	+1
50255	Goran Vlaovic	(Croatia, Padova)	+2	+2
50256	Igor Pamic	(Croatia, Osijek)	0	0
50351	Radek Drulak	(Czech Rep, Petra Drnovice)	0	0
50352	Pavel Kuka	(Czech Rep, Kaiserslautern)	+1	+1
50353	Vratislav Lokvenc	(Czech Rep, Sparta Prague)	0	0
50354	Vladimir Smicer	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50355	Milan Kerbr	(Czech Rep, Slavia Prague)	0	0
50451	Erik Bo Andersen	(Denmark, Rangers)	0	0
50452	Mikkel Beck	(Denmark, Fortuna Cologne)	+1	+1
50453	Brian Laudrup	(Denmark, Rangers)	+3	+3
50454	Peter Rasmussen	(Denmark, Aalborg)	0	0
50455	Soeren Andersen	(Denmark, Aalborg)	0	0
50551	Les Ferdinand	(England, Newcastle United)	0	0
50552	Robbie Fowler	(England, Liverpool)	0	0
50553	Alan Shearer	(England, Blackburn Rovers)	+3	+3
50554	Teddy Sheringham	(England, Tottenham Hotspur)	+1	+1
50555	Nicky Barmby	(England, Middlesbrough)	0	0
50651	Eric Cantona	(France, Manchester United)	0	0
50652	Youri Djorkaeff	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	+1	+1
50653	Christophe Dugarry	(France, Bordeaux)	+3	+3
50654	Patrice Loko	(France, Paris Saint-Germain)	0	0
50655	Reynald Pedros	(France, Nantes)	0	0
50656	Cyril Pouget	(France, Metz)	0	0
50657	Michael Madar	(France, Monaco)	0	0
50751	Oliver Bierhoff	(Germany, Udinese)	0	0
50752	Fredi Bobic	(Germany, VfB Stuttgart)	+1	+1
50753	Jürgen Klinsmann	(Germany, Bayern Munich)	0	0
50754	Stefan Kuntz	(Germany, Besiktas)	0	0
50851	Dennis Bergkamp	(Holland, Arsenal)	+1	+1
50852	Glenn Helder	(Holland, Arsenal)	0	0
50853	Patrick Kluivert	(Holland, Ajax)	0	0
50854	Peter Hoekstra	(Holland, Ajax)	0	0
50855	Youri Mulder	(Holland, Schalke 04)	0	0
50856	Arthur Numan	(Holland, PSV Eindhoven)	0	0
50857	Bryan Roy	(Holland, Nottingham Forest)	0	0
50858	Gaston Taument	(Holland, Feyenoord)	0	0
50859	Richard Witschge	(Holland, Bordeaux)	0	0
50860	Jordi Cruyff	(Holland, Barcelona)	+1	+1
50951	Pierluigi Casiraghi	(Italy, Lazio)	+5	+5
50952	Enrico Chiesa	(Italy, Sampdoria)	0	0
50953	Fabrizio Ravanelli	(Italy, Juventus)	0	0
50954	Marco Simone	(Italy, AC Milan)	0	0
50955	Gianfranco Zola	(Italy, Parma)	+1	+1
51051	Paulo Alves	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
51052	Pedro Barbosa	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
51053	Jorge Cadete	(Portugal, Celtic)	0	0
51054	Jose Dominguez	(Portugal, Sporting Lisbon)	0	0
51055	Antonio Folha	(Portugal, Porto)	+1	+1
51056	Domingos Oliveira	(Portugal, Porto)	0	0
51057	Joao Vieira Pinto	(Portugal, Benfica)	0	0
51058	Hugo Porfirio	(Portugal, Uniao Leiria)	0	0
51151	Gheorghe Craioveanu	(Romania, Real Sociedad)	0	0
51152	Ilie Dumitrescu	(Romania, West Ham United)	0	0
51153	Constantin Gilca	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
51154	Gheorghe Hagi	(Romania, Barcelona)	+1	+1
51155	Adrian Ilie	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	-1	-1
51156	Marius Lacatus	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	+1	+1
51157	Dinu Moldovan	(Romania, Neuchatel Xamax)	+1	+1
51158	Florin Raducioiu	(Romania, Espanol)	+1	+1
51159	Ion Vladoiu	(Romania, Steaua Bucharest)	0	0
51251	Vladimir Beschastnykh	(Russia, Werder Bremen)	0	0
51252	Sergei Kiryakov	(Russia, Karlsrühe)	0	0
51253	Igor Kolyvanov	(Russia, Foggia)	0	0
51254	Dmitri Radchenko	(Russia, Deportivo La Coruña)	0	0
51255	Andrei Tikhonov	(Russia, Deportivo La Coruña)	0	0
51256	Sergui Yuran	(Russia, Millwall)	0	0
51257	Igor Simutenkov	(Russia, Reggiana)	0	0
51258	Igor Dobrovolski	(Russia, Dynamo Moscow)	0	0
51351	Scott Booth	(Scotland, Aberdeen)	+1	+1
51352	Darren Jackson	(Scotland, Hibernian)	0	0
51353	Eoin Jess	(Scotland, Coventry City)	0	0
51354	Ally McCoist	(Scotland, Rangers)	0	0
51355	John McGinlay	(Scotland, Bolton Wanderers)	0	0
51356	Duncan Shearer	(Scotland, Aberdeen)	0	0
51357	John Spencer	(Scotland, Chelsea)	+1	+1
51358	Gordon Durie	(Scotland, Rangers)	+1	+1
51359	Kevin Gallacher	(Scotland, Blackburn Rovers)	0	0
51451	Javier Manjarin	(Spain, Deportivo La Coruña)	0	0
51452	Juan Antonio Pizzi	(Spain, Tenerife)	-2	-2
51453	Kiko Narvaez	(Spain, Atlético Madrid)	0	0
51454	Raoul Gonzalez	(Spain, Real Madrid)	0	0
51455	Julio Salinas	(Spain, Sporting Gijon)	0	0
51456	Alfonso Perez	(Spain, Real Betis)	+2	+2
51551	Stephane Chapuisat	(Switzerland, Borussia Dortmund)	0	0
51552	Marco Grassi	(Switzerland, Rennes)	0	0
51553	Adrian Knup	(Switzerland, Karlsrühe)	0	0
51554	Kubilay Turkyilmaz	(Switzerland, Grasshopper)	+3	+3
51555	David Sesa	(Switzerland, Servette)	0	0
51651	Orhan Cikdrikci	(Turkey, Trabzonspor)

NEWS

Clarke blasts Right on tax and EU

■ Kenneth Clarke brushed aside his rightwing critics last night with a passionate defence of Britain's membership of the European Union and a warning that premature tax cuts would insult the intelligence of the public.

The Chancellor said that Euro-scepticism could risk Britain's influence in the biggest single market and he hit out at those who wanted to challenge the Treaty of Rome .....Page 1

Major orders child abuse inquiries

■ John Major will today urge the Cabinet to order two inquiries into child abuse following allegations of paedophilia and cruelty in residential homes. The Prime Minister was forced to "read the Riot Act" before getting agreement on a joint approach by William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, and Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary ..... Page 1

Musical houses

Bob Geldof and Paula Yates, his ex-wife, agreed to swap houses in an unusual divorce settlement ending their marriage ..... Page 1

Cash cuts cash

Bill Cash, the leading Tory Eurosceptic, announced that he was severing financial connections with Sir James Goldsmith after a wave of protests ..... Page 1

Divorce Bill offer

Labour offered to save the beleaguered Divorce Reform Bill if the Government accepted a series of amendments to increase protection for children and battered mothers ..... Page 1

Subs delay

Britain's defunct nuclear-powered submarines will have to remain tied up in dock for a further 16 years because long-term underground storage facilities will not be ready .....Page 2

Boy found shot

A boy killed himself with his father's shotgun hours after sitting a GCSE examination paper. His mother and brother discovered his body lying next to the gun in his bedroom .....Page 3

Choosing grammar

Ministers are to invite local authority comprehensive schools to defy Labour councillors and become fully selective to meet the target of a grammar school in every town ..... Page 6

'Mad cow' exports

Exports of animal feeds potentially contaminated with the agent for "mad cow" disease more than doubled in the years after they were banned as ruminant feeds in Britain .....Page 8

Space neighbours

A star just eight light years away — virtually on the same block, in astronomical terms — appears to have two planets ..... Page 9

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A Commons committee will demand an end to the secret system of little-known but powerful committees selecting magistrates in England and Wales ..... Page 11

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Chinese border forces forced Greenpeace out when they took control of *MV Greenpeace* after it had sailed six miles into the exclusion zone ..... Page 13

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Strom Thurmond, the idiosyncratic eldest statesman of American politics, demolished any Republican opposition to his eighth term and set his sights on becoming the first centenarian to hold a seat in Congress .. Page 14

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The threat of a terrorist bombing campaign overshadowed the closing stages of Russia's presidential race, as candidates accused each other of trying to destabilise the vote with violence ..... Page 15

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■ An old mill town is aiming to be streets ahead in the market for status symbols. It will name a road after whoever puts up £30,000 to finish a development project. The special deal offers an affluent egotist the chance to rub shoulders with royalty and religious zealotry — the unnamed road lies next to Queen Street and Wesley Street in Morley, near Leeds ..... Page 5

KEN MACPHERSON



Glenda Jackson, the Labour MP, adjusts her flight helmet during a visit yesterday to the Air Ambulance base at Inverness airport

BUSINESS

Granada: The group revealed that its bid for Forte had cost £100 million in fees, but insisted that it was on target to squeeze an extra £100 million in profits .....Page 25

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Churches [in America] have by tradition been the nucleus of the black community. Parish priests have frequently been influential leaders of movements against segregation, which still exists in practice in many states, if not in law. Now churches have become the target of attack by radical groups, nourished by the increasingly right-wing nature of American politics

— *El Pais*, Madrid

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All society has an interest in education being improved. The teaching profession has failed to achieve this on its own .....Page 19

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Were the BBC to change the face or philosophy of its World Service, its huge advantage, and Britain's consequent cultural and commercial gain, would be lost .....Page 19

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The lottery's capacity to raise money for charity has not, so far, affected the level of charitable giving. It has seen the Government behave less charitably .....Page 19

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The best politicians are those who keep open minds and respond to the emerging reality rather than fighting it. Between these politicians, whatever their country, there is a surprisingly broad area of common understanding ..... Page 18

CARL BILDT

It would be an exaggeration to say that there are as many new cafés opening up every day in Sarajevo as there were shells falling a year ago but the mood on the streets has been transformed ..... Page 18

PETER RIDDELL

Spending and tax plans will no doubt have to be revised after the election. But Mr Clarke is at least trying to be a semi-virtuous pre-election Chancellor .....Page 10

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Sports science has come some way since 1856 but the problems for Venables and his crew remain horribly familiar and much age-old wisdom is still ignored ..... Page 46

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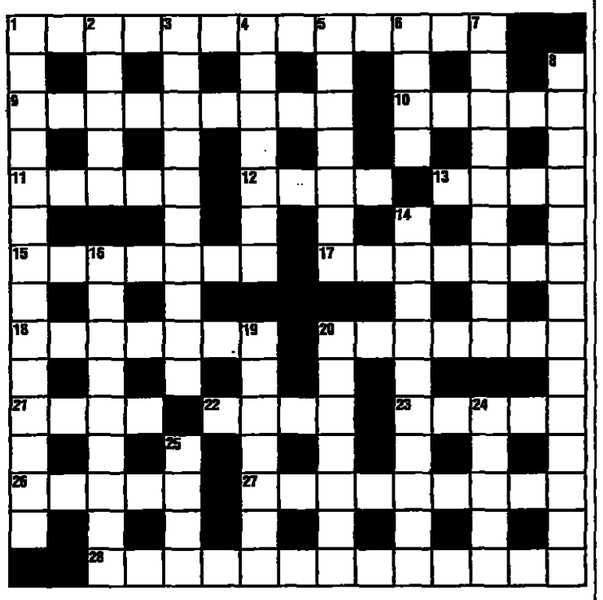
TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ROCK
Energy has brought Dodgy to the brink of a breakthrough. David Sinclair reviews *their third album*

■ EDUCATION
Will the Government signal the renaissance of the grammar school?

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ACROSS

1 Groom's son able to arrange this for the bride? (6,7).
9 Giving particulars of the farmer's wife's pest control? (9).
10 Democrat in republic kept hidden (5).
11 Foolish date gives this girl a start (5).
12 Cooked well enough to be acceptable (4).
13 Trunk producing sound wood (4).
15 Better openwork (7).
17 Romance developed in 24's home (7).
18 Cast, we hear, old coin, i.e. made sovereign (7).
20 Tramp steamer? No, something smaller (7).
21 Repetition of sounds from consecutive chords (4).
22 One can be stranded out on this mountain spur (4).
23 In foreign money, composer's a thousand short (5).
26 Be quick to depart a short time before the end (5).
27 Taormina excited a woman in love (9).
28 Labour all out to get power? (7,6).

DOWN

1 Ancient mariner Sinbad found a burden (3,3,2,3,3).
2 On the move from a prison (5).
3 Executioner very much at home in treachery (10).
4 Publicise increase in size (5,2).
5 Corgi with an injury affecting part of body (7).
6 Appeal for help about parking concessions (4).
7 Pack up old game named in *Merchant of Venice* (5,4).
8 I have found usual support declared in incident involving miners down under (6,8).
14 Farmer in trouble putting in stake in such hard ground (10).
16 Worldly chap making important connection, holding end of terminal (9).
19 Made concrete up for creator of divine figures (7).
20 Like Foster's nag, short in the end (7).
24 Italian craftsmen providing a service, not Poles (5).
25 Knock senseless with second barrel (4).

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Thorney Island, West Sussex, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Glasgow, 0.34in; highest sunshine: Saunton Sands, Devon, 15hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a dry day with a good deal of sunshine. It should become pleasantly warm after a cool start. Winds will be mostly light and variable with sea breezes developing.

Western and northern Scotland will be cloudy at times with patchy drizzle, especially at first. Remaining parts of Scotland and most of Northern Ireland should have a dry day with sunshine at times.

☐ **London, Central South, South East, South West, North West & North East England, East Anglia, East & West Midlands, Channel Isles, South & North Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central North, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, South West Scotland:** dry with long sunny periods. Winds mostly light and variable. Maximum temperature 19-21C (66-70F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland:** mostly dry with sunshine at times. Winds light westerly. Maximum temperature 17-19C (63-66F).

☐ **North East & North West Scotland, Orkney:** cloudy with patchy drizzle, especially at first. Wind light to moderate, west to northwest. Maximum temperature 13-15C (55-59F).

☐ **Shetland:** cloudy with occasional light drizzle. Wind moderate west to northwest. Maximum temperature 12C (54F).

☐ **Outlook:** mostly fine and sunny, rather more cloudy in the far north.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm; b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle, ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

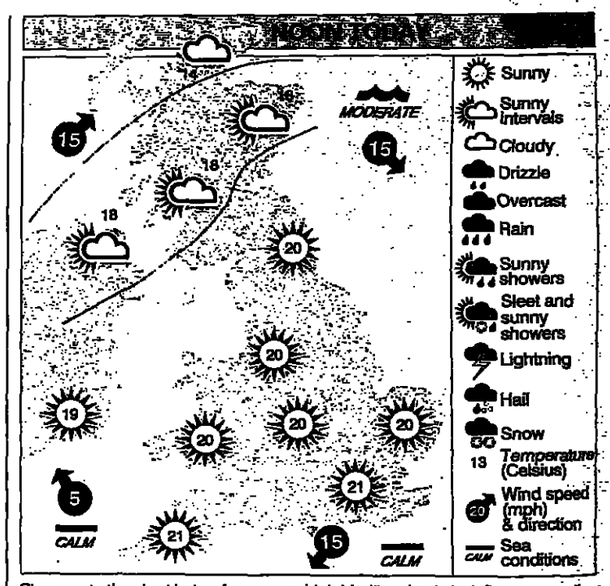
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Aberdeen	6.2	0.06	17	63	sh	Leuchars	10.9	0.14	17	63	s
Anglesey	12.5	0.01	15	59	s	Littlehmptn	8.9	-	21	70	s
Aspatria	10.1	0.09	16	61	c	London	9.6	0.01	20	68	c
Avonmore	8.8	0.07	16	61	sh	Lowestoft	8.5	-	21	70	c
Belfast	8.3	0.01	17	63	b	Manchester	11.3	0.01	17	63	s
Birmingham	11.5	0.04	18	64	s	Margate	11.6	-	19	66	s
Bognor R	11.3	-	23	73	s	Minehead	11.0	0.01	16	61	s
Bournem'th	11.7	0.01	21	70	s	Morecambe	10.1	0.14	16	61	s
Bristol	11.8	0.01	18	64	s	Newcastle	13.5	-	17.63		
Buxton	8.8	0.01	15	59	b	Newquay	10.6	-	15	59	s
Cardiff	11.3	0.03	16	61	c	Norwich	7.9	0.01	19	66	s
Clacton	14.4	-	19	66	s	Oxford	11.4	0.08	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	X	-	-	-	-	Penzance	X	0.01	19	66	s
Cromer	11.8	0.01	18	64	s	Poole	11.4	0.01	21	70	s
Dunbar	12.7	0.01	17	63	s	Prestatyn	X	0.01	18	64	s
Eastbourne	13.4	-	20	68	s	Ross-o-wye	11.1	0.02	19	66	s
Edinburgh	12.0	0.06	17	63	sh	Ryde	10.3	0.01	22	72	s
Eskdalemuir	7.0	0.12	15	59	sh	Salcombe	11.1	-	20	68	s
Exmouth	11.5	0.01	18	64	s	Sandown	10.5	0.01	21	70	s
Falmouth	10.2	0.01	17	63	s	Saunton Snd	15.0	0.02	15	59	s
Fishguard	12.5	-	14	57	s	Scarboro'	12.6	0.01	17	63	s
Folkestone	12.2	-	20	68	s	Shanklin	11.9	-	19	66	s
Glasgow	9.2	0.34	15	59	sh	Shrewsbury	9.8	0.06	17	63	s
Guernsey	10.4	-	19	66	s	Skegness	12.0	0.01	19	66	s
Hastings	6.0	-	19	66	s	Southend	11.5	-	22	72	s
Hayling I.	9.9	-	21	70	s	Southsea	11.1	-	21	70	s
Herne Bay	12.8	-	20	68	s	Stornoway	10.1	0.02	14	57	s
Hove	11.0	-	22	72	s	Swanage	11.6	-	20	68	s
Hunstanton	X	-	18	64	s	Teignmouth	11.2	0.02	19	66	s
Isle of Man	11.0	-	16	61	s	Tiree	12.8	0.01	14	57	s
Jersey	12.6	0.01	19	66	s	Torquay	10.4	0.02	19	66	s
Kinloss	8.5	0.23	16	61	sh	Vonmor	11.5	-	19	66	s
Leeds	X	-	-	-	-	Wash-s-more	11.5	0.06	17	63	s
Lerwick	5.1	0.05	13	55	sh	Weymouth	11.4	-	18	64	s

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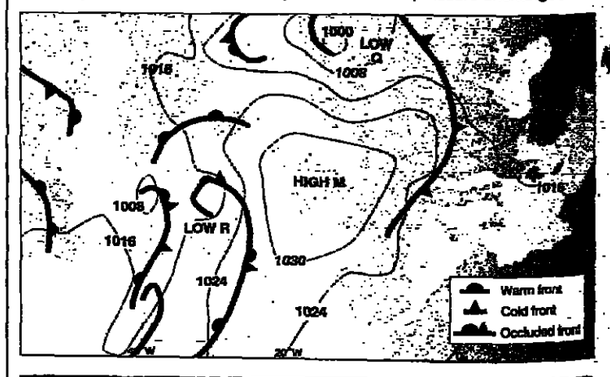
Ajaccio	27	81	s	Corfu	33	91	s	Majorca	27	81	s
Alicanti	31	88	s	Dublin	17	63	c	Malaga	26	79	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Dubrovnik	31	88	s	Malta	30	86	s
Algiers	23	73	f	Faro	26	79	s	Melb'rne	10	50	s
Amst'dm	22	72	s	Florence	32	90	s	Mexico C	23	73	f
Athens	32	90	s	Frankfurt	30	86	s	Miami	25	77	r
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	21	70	s	Milan	33	91	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	27	81	s	Montreal	28	82	s
Barbados	27	81	c	Gibraltar	23	73	s	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelona	29	84	s	Helsinki	23	73	s	Munich	27	81	f
Beirut	26	79	s	Hong K	32	90	f	Nairobi	24	75	c
Belgrade	32	90	s	Innsbruck	27	81	f	Naples	29	84	s
Berlin	27	81	f	Istanbul	26	79	s	N Delhi	38	100	f
Bermuda	25	77	f	Jeddah	33	91	s	N York	28	82	s
Biarritz	22	72	s	Jo'burg	17	63	f	Nice	27	81	s
Borde'x	28	82	s	Karachi	X	-	-	Oslo	23	73	f
Brussels	25	77	s	L Palmas	24	75	s	Paris	28	82	s
Budapst	33	91	s	La Tquet	33	73	s	Peking	32	90	s
B Aires	22	72	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Perth	19	66	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Locarno	29	84	s	Prague	25	77	f
Chicago	14	57	f	L Angels	22	72	f	Reykjavik	10	50	s
Ch'church	5	41	x	Luxembg	27	81	f	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	27	81	s	Luxor	42	108	s	Rio de J	23	73	s
C'phagn	20	68	f	Madrid	31	88	s	Riyadh	40	104	s
								Rome	30	86	s
								Salzburg	27	81	s
								S Fr'isco	18	64	s
								Santiago	15	59	s
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								Seoul	26	79	f
								Sing'por	30	86	f
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								Venice	32	90	f
								Vienna	29	84	s
								Warsaw	27	81	s
								Wash'ton	28	82	f
								Wel'ngton	8	46	s
								Zurich	27	81	s

Temperatures at midday local time on Tuesday X = not available

MOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: high M will maintain its influence over the British Isles with pressure unchanged. Low R will run northwards to Iceland and deepen. Low O will move slowly eastwards with pressure unchanged



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11.48	7.0	-	-	Leith	0.22	5.0	12.39	5.0
Aberdeen	11.28	3.8	11.56	3.9	Liverpool	9.12	8.5	9.37	8.6
Avonmouth	4.53	11.8	5.18	11.9	Lowestoft	7.30	2.3	7.42	2.3
Belfast	9.10	3.4	9.33	3.4	Margate	10.11	4.5	10.31	4.5
Cardiff	4.40	11.2	5.08	11.2	Milford Haven	4.04	6.1	4.28	6.2
Devonport	3.29	4.8	3.57	4.9	Newquay	2.54	6.1	3.18	6.1
Dover	9.18	6.0	9.35	6.2	Oban	3.51	3.4	4.02	3.4
Dublin (N Wall)	9.48	3.8	10.17	3.8	Penzance	2.32	4.9	2.56	5.0
Falmouth	2.51	4.7	3.21	4.7	Portland	4.25	1.7	4.56	1.8
Greenock	10.41	3.1	11.01	3.1	Portsmouth	9.24	4.2	9.45	4.3
Harwich	9.41	3.7	10.00	3.7	Shoreham	9.25	5.5	9.45	5.7
Holyhead	8.22	5.1	8.54	5.1	Southampton	8.48	4.1	9.11	4.1
Hull (Albert D)	4.07	6.8	4.19	6.9	Swansea	4.08	8.4	4.34	8.5
Ilfracombe	3.50	8.2	4.16	8.3	Tees	1.27	4.8	1.44	4.9
King's Lynn	4.07	6.1	4.28	6.2	Walton-on-Naze	8.39	4.0	9.56	3.9

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 4.43 am
Sun sets: 9.19 pm
Moon sets 6.36 pm
Moon rises 3.36 am

London 9.19 pm to 4.43 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 4.53 am
Edinburgh 10.00 pm to 4.26 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.39 am
Penzance 9.33 pm to 5.12 am

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